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TUBANTIA SUNK; NO TIME WAS GIVEN

Dutch Liner Torpedoed Without Warning Off Holland; All Saved

83 PASSENGERS AND CREW OF ABOUT 300

At Least Three Americans, Including a Consul, Were on Board

London, March 16.—The 15,000-ton Dutch passenger liner Tubantia, outward-bound from Amsterdam to the River Plate, with at least 83 passengers and a crew of about 300 aboard, was torpedoed without warning last night near the Noordhinder lightship, and sank. As far as can be ascertained all the passengers and crew were taken off in the boats.

At first there was some doubt as to whether the vessel had struck a mine or been torpedoed, but later dispatches state that the ship was the victim of a torpedo.

Eighty-three passengers.

The London agents of the Tubantia state that her crew numbered about 300. They have no information as to the number of passengers who embarked at Amsterdam.

A Reuter dispatch from Ymuiden, however, says that the Tubantia carried 42 first class, 33 second class and 8 third class passengers. The steamship carried a general cargo and mails.

The first dispatch on the sinking came to Reuter's from The Hook of Holland, and stated that a wireless message has been received there stating that the Tubantia had been torpedoed and was in a sinking condition near the Noordhinder lightship, all the passengers having been taken off in the boats.

Two Lifeboats.
A later Reuter dispatch from The Hague said the Dutch minister of marine had received information that two of the Tubantia's boats with survivors had reached the Noordhinder lightship. The Dutch steamship Krakatau, which was standing by, passed another Dutch steamship which had many survivors on board. A Swedish steamship also was searching for survivors.

Without Warning.
London, March 16.—"It is now certain that the Tubantia was torpedoed without warning," telegraphs the Amsterdam correspondent of the Central News. "There were three Americans on board. They were Richard Schilling, an American consul; Emma Schilling and Carmen Schilling."
A wireless dispatch sent from the Tubantia last night, as given out by Reuter's correspondent at Ymuiden, Holland, says the steamship was torpedoed. The correspondent asserts there were Americans on board.
It was after 8.30 a. m. when the vessel went down, as a message from The Hague at that hour said she was still afloat.

For Buenos Ayres.
London, March 16.—The first message received by the London agents of the steamship Tubantia, which was owned by the Holland-Lloyd Line, of Amsterdam, said the vessel had struck a mine and was sinking. Another dispatch said the Tubantia had been torpedoed.

The steamship, which was of 15,000 tons gross, left Amsterdam yesterday for Buenos Ayres. She was to have stopped at Falmouth and peninsular ports, where the majority of the passengers were to have been taken aboard.

A lifesaving boat left The Hook of Holland to search for the sinking vessel and Dutch torpedo boats left Flushing to hurry to the rescue of the ship's passengers in the lifeboats.

All Saved.
London, March 16.—Lloyd's reports that the Tubantia has gone down and that all the passengers and crew are safe. It is learned that a number of Americans intended to board the Tubantia at Falmouth, but it is not known whether any Americans were on board when she left Amsterdam.

WINNIPEG DISTRICT HAS RAISED 54,000 SINCE AUGUST, 1914

Winnipeg, March 16.—Since Dec. 1 last 15,432 men have been recruited for overseas service in Military District No. 10. In the past fifteen days 3,572 men have signed up, constituting a new record for Military District No. 10. Of this number 2,922 men were secured in Winnipeg.

The total enlistments since August, 1914, in this district have been 54,000.

U. S. SUBMARINE LAUNCHED.

Quincy, Mass., March 16.—The submarine L-10, the fourth submarine to be built for the United States navy by the Fore River Shipbuilding Corporation, was launched to-day.

GERMAN STEAMSHIP TRIED TO ESCAPE FROM BRAZIL PORT

Rio de Janeiro, March 16.—The German steamship Asuncion, interned at Para, tried to escape from that port. She was fired upon and obliged to return.

BREAK WITH STATES FEARED BY WILHELM

He and His Followers on Submarine Question Ousted Tirpitz

LATTER WOULD HAVE ATTACKED ALL SHIPS

Washington, March 16.—Kaiser Wilhelm's determination not to provoke a break with the United States on the new submarine campaign even though it involves a factional contest in the German Reichstag, having already brought about the downfall of Grand Admiral von Tirpitz himself, is indicated in Berlin dispatches to-day.

The tone of these dispatches from the German capital, although guarded, is taken here to prove the supremacy of the Kaiser, Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg, Foreign Minister von Jagow, and the army, who have been opposing the plan of Admiral von Tirpitz and the navy party to carry the submarine campaign to a merciless destruction of all shipping, whether neutral or enemy, bound to or from ports of Great Britain and her allies.

The development is regarded here as a potent augury for a peaceful solution of the situation with Germany.

Preparing American People.

The passage of to-day's Berlin dispatches by the German foreign office was for such a contest in the Reichstag as was seen recently in congress between two factions over the armed ship question.

About a fortnight ago, it is understood, a conference was held in Berlin, presided over by the Kaiser himself and attended, among others, by Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg, Herr von Jagow, foreign minister, and General von Falkenhayn, chief of the general staff of the army, and it is believed that Admiral von Tirpitz himself was called in. The discussion turned on submarine warfare generally and particularly upon the attitude of the United States. The general understanding is that it was the Kaiser himself who decided every effort should be made to retain the friendship of the United States. The result was the rejection of the proposed extension of submarine warfare to affect neutral nations. Von Tirpitz's retirement followed naturally the rejection of the plans he had fathered.

LIQUOR DISCUSSED BY CONSERVATIVES

How Borden's Party Proposes to Handle Question of Prohibition

Ottawa, March 16.—The Conservative party was in caucus again this morning. At the close of the gathering, Sir Robert Borden said that several matters had been discussed and that some legislation might be expected in connection with the prohibition question. He would say nothing further.

It is understood that the caucus will result in a compromise whereby the importation of liquor will be prohibited into provinces which have enacted or will enact prohibitory legislation against the sale of liquor within their borders. It is expected that this will be embodied in an amendment to R. B. Bennett, Calgary, to the Stevens-Macell motion, the discussion of which will be resumed in the House on Monday next.

QUEBEC LEGISLATURE WAS PROROGUED TO-DAY

Quebec, March 16.—Prorogation of the legislature took place this afternoon with the usual ceremonies. The session closed with the opposition in the Legislative Assembly working against what it termed the government's repeated efforts to nag it and to stop discussion of the administration. It supported its complaint with a final motion of censure against the ministry for its policy. In general, which was defeated by 36 votes to 7. Ninety-three bills passed by both houses were sanctioned.

WITHOUT WARNING; AMERICANS ABOARD

German Submarine Attacked Patria, French Passenger Liner, Off Algeria

TORPEDO PASSED ONLY THIRTY FEET FROM SHIP

Master Will Ask That His Vessel Be Provided With Guns

New York, March 16.—The French liner Patria, of the Fabre line, carrying among her passengers 29 Americans, including an American consul, was attacked without warning by a submarine off the Algerian coast on March 1. Captain Pierre Deschelles announced to-day upon the arrival of the ship from Mediterranean ports. A torpedo directed at the Patria missed the ship by about 20 feet.

U. S. Consul Aboard.

Olney Arnold, American consul-general at Cairo, was a passenger from Naples to Lisbon. He told Captain Deschelles he would forward a full report of the attack to the United States government. It was news, however, to Captain Deschelles that cable dispatches have since reported that Mr. Arnold, who was returning home, died at Lisbon the day after his arrival there. Information received by the state department was that he was on the verge of a nervous breakdown at the time of his departure from Cairo.

Captain Received Warning.
The night before the submarine appeared Captain Deschelles received by wireless from Algiers the warning: "Be careful; submarine sighted about 100 miles from Cape de Guard." He remained on the bridge all night and had fifteen lookouts on duty.

The captain said he did not see the submarine or the torpedo, but both were seen by his first officer and a number of passengers. The ship was making full speed at the time. The order was given immediately to steer a zigzag course, and no further trace of the submarine was seen.

"I regret to say that I did not have any guns," Captain Deschelles said, and added that he would make a request that his ship be equipped with guns when he returned to France.

Captain Deschelles said he already had sent a full report of the incident to the French government.

ASKED AT MISSION ABOUT TROOP TRAIN

German Who Came Across From United States in Jail Now

Mission, B. C., March 16.—Magistrate Murray and Verschoer, in police court yesterday sentenced Claude L. Wolf, alias Lee Willoughby, a man of Teutonic extraction, to three months in jail for a breach of the immigration act. He had sneaked across the border from the United States through the woods, and on Saturday last was overheard by Immigration Officer Crispie to inquire when the troop train carrying the 62nd Battalion from Vancouver would pass through Mission. Crispie immediately arrested the German, but on Sunday last he escaped from the lockup by lowering himself from his cell window with a rope made of his bedding. Immigration Officer Crispie again arrested Wolf at North Bend with the assistance of the military guard there.

Wolf is said to be wanted in the United States for causing an explosion in a munitions factory.

Immigration Superintendent Malcolm R. J. Reid prosecuted Wolf.

GERMANY ABOUT TO REQUIRE NEUTRALS TO SERVE IN ARMY

London, March 16.—An Amsterdam dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company says the municipal authorities in Germany have been instructed to take a census of all neutral foreigners who have lived in each city for more than five years. Male foreigners who have lived uninterruptedly in Germany for five years will be considered as having lost their previous citizenship and will be regarded as Germans, and therefore liable to military service. These men will be enrolled in the army, but will not be sent to the front. They will be put to work in offices so as to release men of the landsturm, who will thus be able to take their places in the fighting line. It is said there are about 20,000 foreigners of fighting age in Germany.

S. S. TAYLOR'S OPINION ON EXPIRY OF LEGISLATURE

When asked by the Times for his opinion on the question which has been raised in the House, with regard to the date of the expiry of the present legislature, S. S. Taylor, K. C., and well-known Vancouver barrister, replied as follows:

"I have already advised that the legislature terminates four years from the day that the returning officers signed his return—certificate per sections 38 and 39 of Provincial Elections Act, 1911, in respect of the first writs, issued in 1912 election. The year is reckoned exclusive of the day of signing the return, which means that if the certificates were signed March 14, 1912, the legislature would expire mid-night of March 14, 1916. I positively disagree with the opinion of the attorney general that the legislature can sit until June 1, because the maximum return date fixed for all writs was June 1, 1912."

ROBLIN AND OTHERS TO APPEAR IN JUNE

Former Manitoba Ministers Will Not Be Tried at Present Assizes

Winnipeg, March 16.—The crown, on behalf of the government, has decided not to go on with the trial of Sir Rodmond Roblin, former premier; George R. Caldwell, former minister of education, and James H. Howden, former attorney general, at the present assizes, desiring the presence of Thos. Kelly, Dr. Simpson and Mr. Simon, architects. The former ministers are to answer to charges arising out of the construction of the parliament buildings.

J. B. Coyne, one of the crown counsel, has conveyed this intimation to A. J. Andrews, K. C., counsel for Sir Rodmond Roblin, in a letter in which he says:

"In view of the present circumstances, the crown has concluded it is proper that these cases should not proceed at the present assizes. Before the next sitting in June we expect that Thomas Kelly and Dr. R. M. Simpson will be back in Winnipeg. We think they should be here when the ex-ministers are tried."

Mr. Coyne explains also that F. W. Simon, the architect for the parliament buildings, who is wanted as a witness, could not be present for the trial if held now.

SAYS SITUATION IN IRELAND SERIOUS

London Post States Sinn Fein Society is Working Against Recruiting

London, March 16.—The Post publishes an article in regard to what it characterizes as the serious situation in Ireland on account of activity on the part of the Sinn Fein Society. It says: "From motives of patriotism, English newspapers hitherto have refrained from commenting on the situation in Ireland, but it is developing with such rapidity and gravity that silence is no longer possible."

"Through the south and west a vigorous organized campaign against recruiting is being carried on without serious hindrance. Within a few weeks several persons have been indicted and tried in Dublin; but in every case acquitted by the jury amid tumultuous applause from those in the courtroom. All these trials took place before ordinary juries, and we await with patience the time when the authorities will utilize their powers to have such cases tried before special juries or military tribunals."

"In Cork a committee recently appointed to organize the St. Patrick's Day celebration was offered the use of several companies of Irish soldiers, but the committee refused to allow them to participate, saying in reply: "The British army is in hostile occupation of Ireland and it would be as absurd for Belgians to invite a contingent from the German army to participate in a Belgian national celebration."

LACAZE IS ACTING MINISTER OF WAR; GEN. GALLIENI ILL

Paris, March 16.—Admiral Lacaze, minister of marine, has been appointed minister of war ad interim, General Gallieni being ill.

REGISTER NOW.

Those who desire to cast their ballots at the next general election should not fail to register at once.

CANADA WILL RAISE LOAN IN NEW YORK

Group Headed by Morgan & Co. in Negotiation With Ottawa

THE PROPOSAL IS TO ORGANIZE SYNDICATE

Amount Probably Will Be \$75,000,000; Statement by Morgan Firm

New York, March 16.—A group of American bankers headed by J. P. Morgan & Co. is negotiating with the Canadian government for the flotation of a new Canadian loan, according to a statement issued by the Morgan firm to-day. The amount has not been determined finally, but it is intimated it will be in the neighborhood of \$75,000,000.

The statement issued by the Morgan firm follows:

"A group headed by J. P. Morgan & Co., Brown Brothers & Co., and Harris, Forbes & Co., has been in negotiation with the Dominion authorities covering a proposed issue of Dominion of Canada bonds, subject to legislative consent. The group referred to probably will organize a syndicate in the near future for the purpose of handling such securities."

"It is expected that the issue, the total amount of which has not been determined finally, will be divided into equal maturities running for five, ten and fifteen years."

"It is believed in financial circles that the proceeds of the loan will be employed by the Dominion government for internal uses."

The new bonds, it is understood, will bear interest at 5 per cent.

TWO SOLDIERS IN EDMONTON IN JAIL

Seven Civilians Also Arrested During Disturbance in Alberta Capital

Edmonton, March 16.—Some soldiers of foreign extraction, noticeably intoxicated, started a riot on the corner of Jasper and Klondike avenues late last night which ended in nine of the rioters being taken to the cells by the city police after a hard fight with a crowd of civilians and soldiers numbering about 500.

The trouble started about 9 o'clock with a series of fights, one staged at the corner of Boyle street and Klondike avenue, and the other on Jasper avenue near the Jasper hotel. The trouble at the latter point is thought to have been caused by a soldier striking a passer-by. Constable Wallace went to arrest the offender, who ran across the street and into a doorway leading to a flight of stairs. Here he was joined by another soldier, a foreigner, who stood on the steps brandishing a wicked-looking knife and defying the police. Constable Hugo Steele, a hotel policeman, went to the assistance of Constable Wallace and despite the size of the crowd, which was growing larger and more ugly each moment, succeeded in keeping it at bay until the riot was over and the offenders were taken to the cells. Constable Wallace was cut on the hand twice and Constable Steele suffered a few bruises.

Police Sergeant Raigh, Inspector Haig, and Constable Harry Howes, used their batons freely on the crowd. Inspector Haig was struck on the head with a club but stayed on the spot, and when matters looked serious drew his revolver and fired two shots into the air with the desired effect.

AMERICAN SURGEONS TO VISIT WEST FRONT

London, March 16.—The United States government, it is reliably stated, shortly will send a commission of army surgeons to the western front to inspect the sanitary measures which have kept the French and British armies remarkably free from sickness. It is proposed to apply to the American army the best features of the methods of the allies.

BRITAIN WILL REPLY REGARDING S. S. CHINA

Washington, March 16.—Ambassador Page, at London, cabled to-day that the British foreign office is preparing its reply to the inquiry of the United States on the recent stopping of the American liner China near Shanghai by a British warship, and the removal of 28 Austrians, Germans and Turks. Mr. Page did not indicate its nature.

Germans, Austrians and Bulgarians Are Leaving Bucharest

Rome, March 16.—Reports from Bucharest state that the Germans, Austrians, Hungarians and Bulgarians are leaving en masse.

Russian warships are carrying on a resolute hunt for the German submarines which have made several raids from Bulgarian ports. Attempts by the submarines to attack Russian convoys en route to Atina have failed.

HARD WORDS ABOUT STATES EXPECTED

Reichstag Probably Will Discuss Germany's Submarine Warfare Next Week

PRUSSIAN DIET CROSSES SWORDS WITH BERLIN

Berlin, March 16.—The Reichstag probably will devote Friday and Saturday of next week to open discussion of the international situation and protest problems which have arisen from Germany's methods of submarine warfare. A special committee of the Reichstag met to-day and found that there is a general desire on the part of all parties for a frank and open debate on the motives underlying the government's attitude toward neutral powers, and in particular toward the United States. It is believed that Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, the imperial chancellor, will make a speech explaining the policy in accordance with which Germany has conducted her foreign affairs department and its reflex action on her internal policy.

In the present temper, such a debate at a session of the Reichstag will bring out some caustic and unfriendly references to the United States. It is expected, but as few days will have elapsed since the opening of the Reichstag, it is regarded as probable that the bitterness openly expressed by certain members of the Reichstag will have toned down.

Prussian Diet.

The ways and means committee of the Prussian diet to-day crossed swords with the administration regarding the diet's competence to discuss the American and other issues of foreign and military policies. Herr Irmer, spokesman of the Conservative party, defended the claims of the diet to the right of criticism.

Foreign Minister von Jagow, while admitting the diet's right to discuss anything it saw fit, declared that the government could not and would not accept advice or criticism on these matters, which are beyond the competence of the Prussian legislature.

LOOKING INTO ACTS OF J. W. ALLISON

Ottawa Public Accounts Committee Investigating Bill for Special Train Services

Ottawa, March 16.—The public accounts committee this forenoon examined figures of shipments by freight and express from Morrisburg by Col. J. Wesley Allison to Maj.-Gen. Sir Sam Hughes, Col. Hallack, ordnance officer, and Col. McBain.

The shipments were produced by F. M. Myers, the G. T. R. agent at Morrisburg. By freight Col. Allison shipped 250 cases of shovels to Quebec City in Oct., 1914. The shipments by express were numerous, but the contents were not given. The shipments from Sept. 13 to Oct. 7 consisted of 18 boxes and two parcels to Maj.-Gen. Hughes; 105 boxes to Col. Hallack and a trunk and one box to Col. McBain.

The committee decided to investigate an account of \$1,003 for special train services on the Ottawa & New York railway for Col. Allison.

SOLDIERS ACCIDENTALLY POISONED AT HALIFAX

Halifax, March 16.—Fifteen men who were taking a course with the R. C. C. A. at the Citadel were accidentally poisoned yesterday and were taken to the military hospital. One of the men was in a very serious condition. He rallied, however, and it is expected that all will be better in a day or two. The trouble is diagnosed as ptomaine poisoning.

TORONTO BANK CLEARINGS.

Toronto, March 16.—The bank clearings here during the week ended to-day were \$40,298,323. During the corresponding week last year the clearings were \$39,526,725.

BOMBARDMENT; NO INFANTRY ACTIONS

Artillery Duel More Intense East of Meuse Than West

FRENCH DID DAMAGE IN NIEUPORT REGION

Germans Seem to Claim They Hold Dead Man's Hill

Paris, March 16.—There was no further infantry action last night in the region north of Verdun, according to the announcement issued by the war office this afternoon.

The bombardment was continued, but with varying intensity.

The text of the communication follows: "In Belgium French patrols have been able to ascertain that the destructive are directed by our artillery yesterday evening against the German forces at La Plagen, in the region of Nieuport, resulted in the complete destruction of the German communicating trenches and killed a number of the enemy."

No Infantry Actions.

"North of Verdun there has been reported no infantry engagement during the course of the night. The bombardment has continued, but not very strongly, on the left bank of the Meuse. It has been more intense on the right bank."

"In the regions of Haudremont and Damloup our artillery has cannonaded violently the country west of Damloup, where the enemy was engaged in perfecting defence works."

"In the Woivre we have bombarded several provision trains."

"East of the forest of Apremont a surprise attack against a German trench resulted in our inflicting some losses on the enemy and bringing in some prisoners."

"In the Vosges the Germans delivered an attack against our positions near Burnhaupt. Checked by our curtain of fire, the enemy found it impossible to set foot in our trenches."

German Claims.

Berlin, March 16.—A number of unsuccessful attacks have been made by the French on the German lines south of St. Souplet, west of the Somme-Py road, in the Champagne region, army headquarters announced to-day. The Germans took two officers and 150 men prisoners and captured two machine guns.

To-day's official statement seems to indicate that the Germans claim possession of Dead Man's Hill, the dominating height west of the Meuse, on which they reported an advance movement yesterday.

The text of the statement follows:

"In Flanders, and especially in proximity to the coast, artillery duels have appreciably increased in violence."

"They have become more violent also in the regions of Roye and Ville-aux-Bois."

"In the Champagne the French, after persistent artillery preparations, made a number of attacks, all without success, on our positions south of St. Souplet and west of the Somme-Py-Souain road. They caused us few losses, but their losses were numerous. We took there two officers and 150 wounded prisoners and captured two machine guns."

West of Meuse.

"On the left bank of the Meuse further attempts to dislodge our possession of the height of L'Homme Mort (Dead Man's Hill) and our positions in the wood north of it, were frustrated at the outset."

"Between the Meuse and the Moselle the position is unchanged."

"South of Niederbrach (Upper Alsace) our patrols, after an effective bombardment of the enemy trenches, penetrated the latter, destroying the defensive positions, and returned with a few prisoners and some booty."

Aviators Busy.

"In an aerial encounter a French aeroplane was shot down southeast of Bern, in the Champagne. The occupants were incinerated."

"Enemy airmen last night again attacked the German hospital at Labry, east of Conflans. The first attack was made during the night of the 15th. No military damage was done. Of civilians, one woman was injured seriously and one woman and two children injured slightly."

ROBBER WAS HELD BY SEATTLE FIREMAN

Seattle, March 16.—While one bandit rained blows on his head with a black-jack, Roy Eckstrand, of the Seattle fire department, at 2 o'clock this morning, battled with a second thug for possession of a revolver, won the fight and held his man till reinforcements arrived from police headquarters, 150 feet away. The second robber escaped, but a man believed to be the fugitive was caught in Ballard two hours later. The holdup occurred in front of the Prefontaine building on Taylor Way, half a block from the police station.

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NO CHANGE REPORTED IN VERDUN REGION

French Took Trench in Champagne Yesterday; Activity on British Front

Paris, March 16.—The following official statement was issued last night:

"In Belgium effective fires have been directed on the enemy trenches in the region of Her Sars and Lanchemarek. To the north of the Aisne we bombarded the outskirts of Ville-au-Bois. In Champagne an attack launched by us on the German positions south of St. Souplet enabled us to occupy an enemy trench and take some prisoners. West of the Meuse the bombardment slackened perceptibly during the course of the day on the Bethincourt-Cunieres front, where no infantry action was reported.

"On the right bank there has been considerable activity in the region of Vaux and Dambloup. Skirmishes with grenades have taken place by our advanced groups on the slopes west of Fort Vaux.

"In the Woivre the villages at the foot of the Meuse hills have been bombarded. Our artillery was very active along the whole front, especially along the Bois-de-Waville, where an artillery convoy was dispersed, and in the neighborhood of Moulins and Hanbouvelles, north of Fresnes-en-Woevre, where our fire caused a powerful explosion in a German battery."

The following Belgian official communication was issued last evening:

"Except for a reciprocal bombardment in the region north of Perwyse there is nothing to report."

London, March 16.—The following official statement was issued last night:

"Last night our troops carried out a small raid on outposts of the Verlorenhoek with good results. To-day there has been artillery activity on both sides around Hulluch, Florentest, and Ypres. There also was considerable infantry activity, many combats taking place. A determined attack on one of our outposts was driven off. An enemy observation balloon was forced to descend when attacked with bombs."

Phoenix Beer—2 qts. for 25c

CREDIT ARRANGED BY CANADIAN BANKS

\$75,000,000 Available for Use of Imperial Government in Buying Munitions

Ottawa, March 16.—Official memorandum relating to a new imperial war credit has been issued:

"The negotiations which have been proceeding for some time past between the Canadian Bankers' Association, Major J. W. Flavelle, chairman of the imperial munitions board, and the minister of finance, and which have extended over several conferences held during the last three weeks, have resulted in an offer made by the Canadian chartered banks to establish in Canada a credit of \$75,000,000 for the imperial treasury, to be expended in payment for further orders for munitions to be placed in Canada during the next two months. In anticipation of the arrangement, which has now been completed, \$25,000,000 of additional orders have been received by the imperial munitions board during the last two weeks.

"The proposal now made by the Canadian bankers date back to a conference held in December last, when the Canadian government placed to the credit of the imperial treasury \$50,000,000 of the Canadian war loan. At that time the banks were engaged in financing the crop movement, but it was understood that in the spring the matter would be taken up again with a view to establishing a credit such as now has been arranged.

"The minister of finance has written to the president of the Canadian Bankers' Association, expressing the appreciation of the government and of the minister for the patriotic spirit actuating the members of the association in making the offer, which will mean so much to the successful prosecution of the war by reason of an added supply of munitions, to the industries of Canada, and to the cause of imperial unity. In his letter the minister observed that it was a matter of great pride to him that the banks of Canada had been able to contribute so large a sum to assist in imperial financing in Canada. The two transactions, namely, the establishment of the credit of \$50,000,000 by the Canadian government and the present credit of \$75,000,000, making a total of \$125,000,000, will mark an epoch in the financial history of the empire."

CASUALTIES AMONG CANADIAN SOLDIERS

Ottawa, March 16.—The following casualty list was issued last night:

First Battalion—Killed in action: Pte. C. Raymond, Perry Sound, Ont.; Cpl. A. Metcalfe, Windsor, Ont.

Wounded: Cpl. A. J. Petrie, Scotland; Pte. James Walker, Scotland; Slightly wounded: Pte. J. L. Daily, St. John, N. B.

Fifth Battalion—Died of wounds: Pte. James Christensen, Humboldt, Sask.

Eighth Battalion—Killed in action: Pte. A. Brodie, Scotland; Pte. C. Nicholson, Scotland.

Wounded: Pte. A. St. Louis, Fort William, Ont.

Thirteenth Battalion—Killed in action: Pte. G. Davis, Highland Creek, Ont.

Fifteenth Battalion—Previously reported missing: now killed in action: Pte. B. A. Peterson, Montreal; Pte. G. C. Freeland, Buffalo, N. Y.

Sixteenth Battalion—Shell shock: Pte. K. Murray, Scotland.

Eighteenth Battalion—Wounded: Pte. D. M. Ross, Stratford, Ont.

Nineteenth Battalion—Died of wounds: Pte. E. P. Dickens, England.

Twenty-first Battalion—Wounded: Pte. G. E. Wood, Toronto.

Twenty-second Battalion—Died of wounds: Pte. A. J. Cameron, Masville, Ont.

Severely wounded: Lieut. A. P. Grothe, Montreal.

Twenty-fifth Battalion—Wounded: Pte. Milton Corey, Indian Harbor, N. S.

Twenty-sixth Battalion—Seriously ill: Pte. Geo. Shoultice, Peterboro, Ont.

Twenty-seventh Battalion—Killed in action: Lieut. J. E. Robertson, Milton, Ont.

Twenty-ninth Battalion—Wounded: Pte. Harry Pratt, England.

Forty-sixth Battalion—Seriously ill: Sgt. P. Simmons, Clyde River, P. E. I.

Forty-ninth Battalion—Wounded: Sgt. A. M. Macdonald, Scotland; Pte. Wm. Chalmers, Scotland.

Killed in action: Pte. R. E. Perrott, Saltcoats, Sask.

Lord Strathcona's Horse—Suffering from concussion: Sgt. R. J. Newlands, England.

Fourth Canadian Mounted Rifles—Died of wounds: Pte. F. J. Oldfield, Niagara Falls, Ont.

Third Canadian Field Artillery—Died: Pte. Geo. Morris, Sydney Mines, N. S.

Reserve Artillery Brigade—Seriously ill: Pte. Jos. Fletcher, Hamilton, Ont.

Sixth Field Company Second Canadian Divisional Engineers—Slightly wounded: Pte. P. M. Macdonnell, Kingston, Ont.

No. 4 Company Divisional Train—Accidentally wounded: Pte. G. H. Stokes, Sebastopol, Cal.

No. 3 Canadian Field Ambulance—Seriously ill: Pte. J. C. Mackenzie, Tacoma, Wash.

No. 1 Field Battery—Seriously ill: Pte. S. McAllister, Winnipeg.

Canadian Army Service Corps—Died: Pte. Thos. Harkness, Scotland.

KITCHENER APPEALS TO THE MARRIED MEN

Urges Them to Come Forward Without Hesitation and Join Ranks

London, March 16.—Speaking of recruiting in the House of Lords yesterday afternoon, Earl Kitchener earnestly appealed to the married men to come forward and join the ranks.

"The position is an anxious one," he said, "owing to the disappointing number which have joined for general service. I cordially endorse all the Earl of Derby has done to obtain these men whom I have not the slightest doubt we shall bring in, but this requires time. In the meantime we require men to train to meet the calculated requirements of the war. The married men who have attested should realize that even if we should obtain all the single men we anticipated we should secure under the group system and the Military Service Act, we shall still require a large number of married men within the next few months."

"I therefore earnestly appeal to the married men who have attested to place their patriotism and the national cause before any personal consideration and come forward without hesitation and join the ranks. The position is an anxious one owing to the disappointing numbers which have joined for general service, but we shall take every step we possibly can to secure single men, and we shall not rest in this effort until we have secured all the single men who are not otherwise indispensable to the government."

Derby's Statement.

The Earl of Derby, in replying to a question in the House of Lords, dealt with the recruiting situation. He admitted that as time progressed it was evident that the reserved occupations were the cause of the shortage in enlistments of single men, and he said he was authorized to state that the minister of munitions and the admiralty were considering a revision of the list of munitions workers.

"The cabinet is taking the matter seriously," he continued, "but I think we shall secure all the single men they require for the army."

Later on during his remarks he said:

"To disorganize munitions work at present by withdrawing all single men might be doing justice to the married men at home, but it might be dealing death to married and single men fighting at the front."

Lord Derby announced that women were now being provided for munitions work at the rate of 15,000 every month.

Attack on Asquith.

Considerable resentment was aroused in the House of Commons by a bitter attack on Mr. Asquith by Sir Arthur Basil Markham, Liberal member for Nottinghamshire, who asserted that Mr. Asquith was a professional politician. He quoted Mr. Asquith's remarks that the prime minister would stop at nothing to end the war, and added: "The only thing he will stick to is his salary."

The speaker calmed the tumult and brought the incident to an end with the remark: "The member's remark is not in the disorderly category, but the members will form their own judgment of its value."

During His Absence.

Rt. Hon. Walter Hume Long, president of the Local Government Board, declared that it was unnecessary to defend Mr. Asquith from personal attacks made against him during his absence.

Mr. Long touched on the recruiting problem. He maintained that the government had kept its pledge to the married men, though not in letter, yet in spirit. He then made the following direct statement:

"There are single men in the reserved occupations who should be in the army. There also are a great many single men in other industries who have not come forward. The government is taking every possible step to find the men and compel them to join the army."

Call Put Off.

At the eleventh hour the government has decided to postpone the call of groups 33 to 41 of married men from the ages of 27 to 35, which was to have been issued this week. Posters had been printed and were to have been issued yesterday, but as the result of the decision of the war council they have been cancelled.

BRITISH IN SOLLUM, ON EGYPTIAN FRONTIER

London, March 16.—The following official statement was issued last night:

"The force under Major-General Peyton has occupied Sollum, the Egyptian frontier port on the Mediterranean near the frontier of Tripoli, which was evacuated by the British last December. The enemy on the 13th blew up their munition stores, and on the next day offered only slight resistance.

"The retreating enemy was pursued successfully by motor cars and cavalry and camel corps, with the result that 26 prisoners, including three officers, 23 guns and nine machine guns, were captured. Nearly 50 of the enemy, including three officers, were killed. Their camp is now in our hands.

"A quantity of gun ammunition, more than a quarter of a million rounds of rifle ammunition and nearly one hundred rifles were destroyed."

ASK RELEASE FROM INTERMENT IN B. C.

Ottawa, March 16.—Application has been made by a number of enemy aliens interned in British Columbia for release on the ground that they are Italians with complete sympathy with the allied cause. They admit that they are or have been subjects of Austria, but claim to come from the Italian Trentino, the territory belonging to Austria for which Italy is now fighting.

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INCREASED ACTIVITY ON THE ISONZO FRONT

Rome, March 16.—The following communication was issued last night:

"In the Alpine zone our artillery extends from Tonale to the upper Fella, and grows livelier, aided by the infantry, whose offensive movements bring out targets for our batteries."

"On the Isonzo front there were lively artillery duels and infantry attacks yesterday. We progressed some in the Rombon zone and on the height dominating Lucinico."

"Southeast of San Martino, on the Carso front, after an intense preparatory fire, the enemy attacked at dawn positions won by us the previous day, but was repulsed, everywhere with heavy losses. Nevertheless, the concentrated artillery fire of the enemy during the whole day, compelled us to evacuate at night a small redoubt in order to avoid useless losses. The position, however, is held safe through the curtain of fire of our guns."

"During infantry raids we took 30 prisoners, of whom three were officers, and also rifles, munitions and other material."

Activities Reported

ON EASTERN FRONT

Petrograd, March 16.—The following official communication was issued last night:

"Western (Russian) front—A German aeroplane flew over the vicinity of Friedrichstadt, but disappeared after we opened fire on it. An intense artillery fire was exchanged near Jacobstadt."

"Our artillery dispersed a strong enemy convoy in the neighborhood of the Ilkoust and Poniewesch railroad. In the Dvinsk region, between Lakes Medmuss and Denmen, we successfully shelled marching enemy troops."

"South of the Pripiet River, and in Galicia, in the Strypa River region, we had several successful encounters with enemy columns."

"On the Caucasian front, while continuing our pursuit of the Turks we captured 21 additional officers and 336 akasars, as well as two mountain guns."

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Mr. L. D. Griffin, Bulwer, Compton county, Quebec, writes: "I can add one more statement of kidney disease cured by Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills. For about twenty years I was bothered more or less with the kidneys, then the disease became worse, and I was sick in bed for one year, took doctor's medicine to no avail, and on his advice went to Sherbrooke Hospital, where I was benefited, but the old trouble returned and I tried a Montreal hospital. Got a little better, but the help was only temporary, and I was soon bad again."

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DUTY ON APPLES WAS DISCUSSED IN HOUSE

Dr. Michael Clark, W. E. Knowles, W. A. Buchanan and J. Douglas Opposed

Ottawa, March 16.—When the House went into committee yesterday on the tariff resolutions contained in the budget, Dr. Michael Clark, Liberal, Red Deer, Alberta, strongly opposed increasing the duty on apples. He said he would not be true to his constituents if he did not make an emphatic protest. The prairie provinces needed fruit more than any other part of the Dominion. It was essential to the health of the people. Why should parliament put another burden on the prairie provinces?

He wanted to know what Sir Thomas White had against the West. He was a regular modern Pharaoh. They did not ask in Alberta for protection for their beef. He thought that one trouble in British Columbia was that the farmers had paid too much for their lands. If they raised apples on the same basis that the farmers raised beef in Alberta they would not be ask-

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ARE NOT AFRAID OF GAS ATTACKS

British Soldiers Have Helmets to Meet All Types of Fumes

Toronto, March 16.—A Toronto medical officer in the Royal Army Medical Corps, somewhere in France, writes home as follows:

We are taking elaborate precautions against gas attacks. We had gas helmets issued to us the first place we were at, and had a trial of them there. They are of cloth, impregnated with chemicals which counteract the effects of the gas combining with it and rendering it inert. They look like a big hood or diver's helmet, going over the head and shoulders, and being caught firmly by one hand and tucked in under the coat. They have two glass goggles to see through, and a tube with a valve on the outer end, which opens outward. Over the inner end of the tube the lips are placed, and you breathe out through the tube, the valve preventing you breathing in through it. You breathe in through the nose and mouth, the air passing in through the chemical-treated cloth. You can do this quite comfortably, and you are supposed to be able to run a quarter of a mile at full speed with one on.

Football With Masks On. Our men often have football matches, and at one we had them play the first ten minutes with their gas helmets on, just to give them confidence and to show them that they could run with them on and breathe quite comfortably in them. There is a slightly noticeable smell from the chemical, but you soon get used to it.

At a test of the helmets that we had, a number of us stood in a room, with our helmets on, and a cylinder full of compressed chlorine gas, such as the Germans used at Langemarck, was opened. The room was soon filled with the gas in much greater concentration than when it is employed in actual fighting in the open, and we didn't notice the slightest discomfort from it. It is therefore a great comfort to have the helmets, and they certainly must give the men confidence.

For Other Gases. The Germans have tried other gases, so there is a new helmet, the chemicals of which take care of other gases, and chlorine as well. We carry that also in a little sort of waterproof haversack which is slung over the shoulder. The other helmet is carried in a special pocket on the inside of the left-hand flap of our tunic, the first field-dressing being carried in a pocket under the right-hand flap.

The men are supposed to get the helmet out of its case and over the head, and held by one hand to keep it tight around the neck, in fifteen seconds. At a test held a few days ago nearly all of the men were able to do this.

A Gas Shell. The Germans also use a gas shell that gives out fumes which make the eyes water and smart and prevent men seeing for a time; so we carry goggles in our gas-helmet cases which fit tightly over the eyes and protect them. We can wear these under our gas helmets. You see that we are now well protected against gas attacks, either from gas waves or shells, and that for of attack has pretty well lost its terrors. No man in any branch of the service is allowed to go near the trenches unless he has his gas helmet and goggles with him.

Germans Cannot Break Line.

Everybody who has seen much of the work at the front, especially the artillery, seems quite confident that, although the Germans might be able to take a few of our first-line trenches, they cannot break right through our lines, as we are too strong in artillery. Whether we really can break through their lines and keep on going is another question, but I fancy we can do it if our organization behind the lines works all right, which surely it must be able to do by this time. The reason the German army is such a formidable fighting machine is because their organization behind the fighting line with regard to moving large bodies of troops about when and where they are needed is wonderful.

In our work we are not likely to be exposed very much to rifle fire and not much to direct shell fire, and as far as shell fire goes, it is largely a matter of luck, with the odds of thousands to one in your favor.

Bombs By Moonlight.

Last night was a beautiful moonlight night, with a few fleecy clouds in the sky setting the picture off, and the long avenues of tall trees looking very picturesque. About the time we were going to bed we heard a heavy, dull explosion some distance away which made the windows rattle, and shortly afterwards two more. We learned this morning that a German aeroplane had flown over a town a few miles away and dropped three bombs. They took advantage of the moonlight, for aeroplanes, unlike Zeppelins, cannot work well in the dark, as it is very hard for them to pick out a landing place. So the night was not as peaceful as it looked; but, as usual, they did no special damage.

TURKS ON THE TIGRIS ATTACKED BY BRITISH

London, March 16.—The following official communication concerning the operations in Mesopotamia was issued last night.

General Lake reports that on March 19 information was received by the Tigris Corps that the Turks had occupied advanced positions on the Tigris. A column was sent before dawn on the 11th to turn the enemy out. Infantry assaulted the position and bayoneted a considerable number of Turks. The column then withdrew with two officers and fifteen prisoners. There have been no further developments.

NO CLASH YET BUT RUMORS ARE MANY

Carranza Troops Co-operating With Americans but Considerable Nervousness Exists

Washington, March 16.—President Wilson was informed by Secretary Baker early to-day that both columns of Carranza troops now in Mexico in pursuit of Villa and his bandits were meeting with hearty co-operation from the Carranza soldiers.

Joined by Mexicans. San Antonio, March 16.—Brigadier-General Pershing's start into Mexico without opposition from Mexican forces and apparently without serious disturbances resulting along the border was the big topic of conversation to-day at Fort Sam Houston, headquarters of Major-General Funston. Ever since he began planning the expeditionary movement, Major-General Funston has paid attention to the attitude of General Carranza and his followers. When Brigadier-General Pershing wired yesterday that he had crossed the border and been joined by the Carranza forces stationed at Palomas, the major-general evinced great satisfaction. This was heightened to-day when early reports indicated that the only violence along the entire border had occurred near Kingsville, Texas, where a small detachment of troops guarding the Brownsville bridge on the St. Louis, Brownsville & Mexico railroad was fired on in the dark about midnight.

Attack by Bandits.

First stories of this affair were that at least 100 shots had been exchanged before the attackers, said to be Mexican bandits, retired. It was announced later from Fort Brown at Brownsville that not more than five shots had been fired; none taking effect. For fear that another attack might follow, reinforcements were sent from San Benito.

While the primary purpose of the censorship ordered by Maj.-Gen. Funston was to mystify Villa, it is known that it also was in the nature of a military experiment, partly to determine the attitude of American newspapers and people toward such methods. That it met without any sort of objection and in many cases with hearty endorsement by newspapers, was a surprise to Maj.-Gen. Funston, who said when he announced the policy plans: "I suppose they will haul me into court for this."

Preparation of Expedition.

Maj.-Gen. Funston to-day voiced his satisfaction that, after the public fully understood the situation, there had been no expressions of impatience at the failure of the expeditionary force to make an earlier start. It was generally felt in army circles that, in consuming only a week in preparing for the search for Villa and at the same time for the defence of border towns, the southern department had done fast work. There was a shortage of rolling stock in many sections; there was no large force available at any particular point; supplies had to be transported and mounts for the cavalry had to be given out.

Many Rumors.

El Paso, March 16.—For days reports and rumors that Gen. Calles's troops were disaffected and bitterly resented the pursuit of Villa by American soldiers, have flooded this region. The definite announcement that the Stars and Stripes had been carried over the international boundary by armed forces increased these rumors to a deluge, out of which it was almost impossible to pick whatever grains of truth might exist.

There seemed no question that a considerable portion of the Mexican soldiers and civilians in the north still regarded the United States with hostility. The action of the United States. The higher civil and military authorities of the Carranza government showed every desire to prevent friction, but it remains doubtful whether they can control the masses of the population in the northern districts, who are becoming restless as a result of the propaganda against Americans which is being redoubtably carried on among them from unidentified sources.

Storm Centres.

Cananea and Ojinaga are the storm centres. It was reported to-day from Douglas that 500 picked men had been rushed to the former to-day by Gen. Calles owing to alarming accounts of the situation there, which had reached him. Ojinaga has been the target of the most sensational rumors for two days.

Persistent reports that the garrison

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There has revolted and murdered Col. Rojas, the commander, will not be downed, and Carranza officials at Juarez admit that they have failed to establish any satisfactory communication with that point.

As far as El Paso and Juarez are concerned the most absolute quiet prevails, but the feeling on both sides of the border is tense. Strict precautions are being taken by the authorities in the two cities to avoid any excuse for an outbreak.

Disposition of Villa.

Washington, March 16.—What disposition will be made of Villa in the event of his capture is being discussed informally here. It is believed that if taken alive he will be turned over to the Carranza authorities for prompt execution.

Americans From Torreon.

Washington, March 16.—Consul general Hanna, at Monterey, forwarded to the state department to-day a delayed message from Consul Agent Williams, at Torreon, saying that all Americans had left Torreon for the United States. It contained no further information.

Consul Williams yesterday reported he had turned the consulate over to the British vice-consul.

Pershing's Report.

San Antonio, March 16.—The first report from Brigadier-general Pershing, commanding the expeditionary forces into Mexico, to Major-general Funston, stating that all was going well, was received at Fort Sam Houston this morning.

The report dealt with the strength of Brig.-general Pershing's command, the disposition of various units and the officers, the distance of the first day's march and the movements of the Carranza troops.

All these matters come under the

censorship, however, and were not

given out.

Street Railway Returned.

Mexico City, March 16.—Following an order by Gen. Carranza, the government is returning to its legal owners the property of the Mexico City street railway system, a Canadian concern that has been controlled by the constitutionalists for more than a year. It is reported that other properties which were sequestered are to be turned over to their owners in the near future.

It is learned that General Pablo Gonzalez, who returned from Queretaro to-day probably will be appointed min-

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Many American families who left for Vera Cruz on learning of the approaching difficulties between Mexico and the United States are returning here in view of the favorable settlement reached.

Heavily Patrolled.

Nogales, Ariz., March 16.—Tranquility prevailed on both sides of the Mexican border in this section to-day. The first crisis of excitement among the Mexicans at news of the American march had passed here. Nogales was heavily patrolled all night by American troops.

Nogales, Ariz., March 16.—Fifty men of the Carranza garrison remained to-day in the Mexican town of Nogales, Sonora. The others, several hundred, had been withdrawn south over night. They were reported en route eastward along the American border headed for Naco, on the Mexican side opposite the Arizona town of that name. American train crews have refused to make their runs between Nogales and Hermosillo, Mexico, and Mexican crews have replaced them.

San Diego, March 16.—Patrolman W. A. Weymouth was shot and probably fatally wounded early to-day by a Mexican believed to be Braulio Galindo, whom the officer had ordered to halt.

At a private musical party one of the singers had just sung "My Old Kentucky Home." The hostess, seeing one of her guests weeping in a remote corner, went to him and inquired in a sympathetic voice: "Are you a Kentuckian?" And the answer came: "No, madam; I am a musician."

Hanging on the wall in the parlor of

a little country inn was an inscription. "I el on parlo Francais." A visitor noticed the sign, and, turning to the landlord, said: "Do you speak French?" "No," Boniface replied; "English does for me." "Well, then," said the visitor, "why do you have that notice on the wall? That means 'French is spoken here.'" "Well, I'll be damned!" ejaculated the innkeeper. "A bloke called here, and said that to me for 'God bless our home.'"

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THE LURE OF VERDUN.

The situation on the Verdun front is still the most commanding feature of the war news and will remain so until the issue there has been finally decided. The great struggle assuredly is either in itself Germany's last offensive on land in the west or an important phase of a contemplated general campaign. As it stands now it seriously compromises the prestige of the Kaiser, the Crown Prince and the Great General Staff. They have nothing to show in any way proportionate to the price they already have paid. The losses their army has sustained, reckoned by some observers as high as three hundred thousand, have had an ominously disheartening effect upon the German people, especially in the cities along the Rhine, where every public building, church and school-house has been turned into an hospital to accommodate the four hundred thousands of wounded men, who have been pouring back from the Verdun region since the commencement of the attack. An abandonment of the offensive now would be a confession of ghastly failure, which, unless it were followed by some sensational triumph elsewhere, would shake the Hohenzollern dynasty to its foundation.

Nothing is an almost daily occurrence in Cologne and other western centres. We doubt if even the capture of Verdun would allay the discontent. The longing for peace is too deep-seated for alleviation by any momentary success. It is the cumulative result of disabilities due to the war as a whole—the loss of trade, stoppage of industry, restriction of food supplies, fearful losses of men, bankruptcy, unsupportable taxation, loss of the world's respect, and a terrible fear for the future. No official glorification of William and his crack-brained heir based upon a costly sacrifice in some sector of the battle-line can divert the trend of the public mind. The people do not want empty victories with their flags, bunting—and awful loss of precious lives. They want peace but peace they cannot have, for the leaders they still blindly follow are standing in the way. Some day, perhaps before long, they will discover the authors of their ruin and cast them forth.

The lure of Paris led to the battle of the Marne and the assurance that Germany could not win this war. What will the lure of Verdun lead to? If the Germans attack without regard to losses for a few weeks longer they must seriously weaken their lines at other points on the west front and also on the east front. And if they lost half a million men and failed in their object they would find it very difficult to meet a determined counter-stroke, launched by the French perhaps in this very district. But this is not all. The German Chancellor is about to introduce taxation proposals in the Reichstag. This will be the first time the German government will have increased the taxes of the people since the heavy war impost of four or five years ago. These taxation aroused widespread resentment and the Bavarian parliament informed the Chancellor that while the Bavarian people would endure that burden it must be the last. Hence the German government has been compelled to finance the war on forced loans and paper currency which is constantly depreciating.

Interest on those loans is now due and the people are demanding their money. The German government, therefore, is forced to take the one step it has sought desperately to avoid, namely, to impose fresh taxation. The Berlin authorities never anticipated such an emergency. When the war began the people were assured that it would be over in six months and that through the indemnities to be wrung from France and Russia their taxes would be reduced to a very comfortable minimum. It is assumed

by the authorities that the capture of Verdun, gaudily dressed up as a "great victory" and officially celebrated as the "beginning of the end," would put the German people in a receptive mood for the new taxation proposals. In any event von Bethmann-Hollweg is suspending them pending the final decision at the battle-front. But what if the Germans fall at Verdun, which is likely? How will the people accept the addition to the burden which already is unbearable? What will happen to the drooping German exchange rate?

It is a foregone conclusion that a failure at Verdun would be swiftly followed by an attempt of the German High Seas fleet to reach the ocean. The Kaiser's navy is his last hope, albeit a hope so slim that von Tirpitz has resigned rather than share responsibility for its doom. It is peculiarly fitting after all that Wilhelm should be the author of the inevitable crowning disaster to his empire. Every great German failure on land has occurred under his personal auspices following his refusal to be guided by the moderate counsels of his generals. The war itself was his own handiwork. He knows, however, that his dynasty is the stake and he will play every card in his hand. The lure of Verdun, therefore, may be the means of bringing about the overwhelming defeat of Germany at sea.

BETTER FIND OUT.

Is the legislature alive or dead? Some able lawyers maintain that it passed away at midnight, March 14. It is held by others that the term fixed by statute will not expire until March 30, while the view of the Premier is that the members may hold their seats until June 1, irrespective of the steam-roller bill extending the life of the House. S. S. Taylor, K. C., of Vancouver, one of the most eminent counsel in the province, says that if the first certificates of the election of 1912 were signed by the returning officer on March 14 of that year, the legislative term came to an end at midnight, Tuesday. As a matter of fact, seven returns were signed on March 14, 1912.

Although Mr. Bowser professes to be quite confident that the legislative period still has some time to run, his actions showed his realization that the question was subject to serious doubt. In his opinion as chief legal adviser of the province the life of the House did not end until June 1, why did he jam through the bill extending the term until that date? And if there is doubt whether that measure, which was passed after midnight, March 14, has any effect, should he not immediately obtain a ruling from the highest court of the province on the point? There is machinery in our statutes specially designed to enable the government to refer such disputed constitutional questions to the courts. Why does Mr. Bowser not take advantage of it and ascertain the real status of the legislature?

The Bowser administration probably is the only administration in the British empire or any other country where constitutional government is supposed to exist which would not have authorized an immediate reference of the matter to the courts. But the record shows that constitutional obligations and considerations never have bothered this dictator and his servile following. There are at least a dozen members of the legislature who hold their seats in utter contempt of the provisions governing the independence of parliament. There are members who trafficked with the government in supplies, in legal services, in cows, in contracts, in renting buildings; there are members who drew thousands upon thousands of dollars from the treasury as royal commissioners, and there is one of them to-day who is in receipt of a remuneration of \$10,555 a year from the provincial and Dominion governments. "What's the constitution between friends, anyway?" says Mr. Bowser in effect. "If it does not accord with our plans, if it does not facilitate our plot, we can make it do so. All we have to do is to pass an enabling act." On one occasion, we recall, Mr. Bowser went so far as to declare that the legislature could perpetuate itself indefinitely without any reference to the electors at all.

But in any case is there a solitary person familiar with the Premier's career as Attorney-General who can have any confidence in the soundness of his opinion on constitutional questions? What has been the record of the province before the Privy Council in disputes on constitutional points between the Dominion and the Province? We have lost about ninety per cent. of them and the cost to our taxpayers of these futile expeditions has reached enormous figures. What about the Dominion Trust bill, that pitiless fabric of ruin, suffering and death? Mr. Bowser in his defence in the legislature last year said he had had a doubt as to the bill's constitutionality—the same kind of a doubt evidently that he now has in regard to the life of the House. But he gave the benefit of that doubt to his client Arnold, to von Alvensleben and their associates who plunged with other people's money. In the light of that ghastly affair is it safe to

risk confusion worse confounded on a Bowserian legal opinion in the present instance, especially when its expression is accompanied by deceit and undisguised contempt for the will of the people? What would happen if legislation enacted after midnight Tuesday were declared to be unconstitutional and therefore inoperative by the courts in a case arising from its enforcement? The result would be anarchy. Is that the Ethiopian in Mr. Bowser's prohibition woodpile? If the Premier recognized for a long time that there was some doubt as to the life of parliament, why did he wait until the afternoon of what may be found to have been the last day of the term before introducing his bill to extend it until June 1?

A FAMILIAR SOUND.

There is a familiar sound in Premier Bowser's proposal regarding Sir Richard McBride and the Agent General's office. We refer to the salary figure, \$15,000 a year. The government seems to cherish a strong attachment for that sum. It was the amount paid to Colonel Thompson, the Seattle engineer, who was engaged by contract to supervise the improvement of Strathcona Park, a work which could and would have been done by scores of men in British Columbia for a third of that figure.

There are several other points of analogy between the Thompson arrangement and the Bowser-McBride treaty, besides the utter disproportion between the cost and importance of the service. For instance, Sir Richard is to draw a salary twice as large as the remuneration received by the most highly paid Agent General from any of the other overseas provinces or states; Col. Thompson received several times as much as British Columbia engineers engaged on more important work, including the engineers in the government service. Col. Thompson had to supervise an expenditure of about \$100,000 per year. In this, however, he differed from Sir Richard McBride, who will preside over an office which up to the present has cost the province \$30,000 per year. As the government has adhered to what we may call the Thompson tradition in connection with Sir Richard's salary, we suppose we may expect it to make the analogy perfect by raising the entire cost of the Agent's General's office in London to \$100,000 or \$150,000 per year.

In a conspicuous and unusual way Mr. Matson asks us to make certain corrections in our report of the Public Accounts inquiry into the Songhees Reserve transaction, which we are pleased to do. At the same time we might point out that he was not very happy in the space he selected for his correction. That particular column on the front page in which his article appeared was consecrated a short time ago to those eccentric pre-election announcements which reacted so unhappily upon the candidate in whose behalf they were made. It was there, we remember, the Flumerfelt challenge appeared; there, also, was found Harry Price's remuneration and later the same space accommodated our contemporary's memorable declaration of independence. However, this by the way. When the Public Accounts Committee has completed its investigation of the Songhees Reserve matter we shall have something to say concerning the details which Mr. Matson has disclosed, and which ought to have been disclosed three years ago.

An eminent constitutional authority and liberal-minded servant of the people (we allude to the member for Esquimalt, of course) is pained because of the presence of an opposition in the legislature. The elections in Vancouver and Victoria have made the opposition effective and the severity of the chamber has been ruffled by an ill wind which chills Mr. Pooley to the marrow. Consequently the hon. gentleman has asked for the appointment of a committee to ascertain why two inquisitive, curious and inconveniently pertinacious gentlemen should be tolerated and by what authority they are in the House at all, upsetting what he evidently considers the permanently established order. Good heavens! Just consider what an outrageous thing it would be should the political fever now raging in Victoria sweep over into the neighboring constituency of Esquimalt. Better to arrest the course of the plague at once by lopping off the heads of the usurpers.

Mr. Lucas reminded the legislature yesterday that British Columbia produced, among other things, more fish and minerals than Saskatchewan and Manitoba. We are sure the member for Yale is right. He might have gone farther and said we produced more timber than can be found on the prairie. And he would have been quite correct had he pointed out that British Columbia has produced more deficits in the last five years than Manitoba and Saskatchewan together. All praise to the McBride-Bowser government!

Germany's "new" plan of submarine piracy is "in full swing," but the workers of the abomination cannot be "tagged" because they are careful not

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to show anything more substantial than a periscope. Meanwhile Van Hornstorf may be considered in full enjoyment of the circumstances and the perplexity of a president in his neighborhood who has extorted from Congress full authority to hold somebody to "strict accountability."

Again the tender-heart of Germany is bleeding for the fate of hapless France. In fact, it is so torn with emotion at the thought of what is going on at Verdun that the Kaiser would be willing, nay, eager, to consider terms of separate peace. Looking back, however, we seem to remember sentiments somewhat differently expressed at the time that mad rush through Belgium took place.

Let us forget, it may be well for the public to bear in mind the fact that the provincial legislature twice has suffered the death pangs, once by official act and once "from natural causes," and that on each occasion it has been galvanized into at least a semblance of life by acts of the Lieutenant-Governor.

The "high seas fleet" which has been braving the raging waters of the Kiel canal for a year and a half has passed under new control. Von Tirpitz appears to have been disgraced for lack of enterprise and initiative. Now we shall see what the Kaiser's new confidence man will accomplish.

Mr. Bowser says he is "done" with the opposition. But the opposition is not "done" with Mr. Bowser. Nor are the electors "done" with him. They are just waiting for a chance to nail his political hide on the barn door.

The other night the Speaker inquired who the leader of the opposition was. Mr. Brewster with equal pertinence might have asked where the Speaker was.

GOVERNOR ASSENTS TO EXTENSION BILL

Premier Explains That He Adheres to His Own Opinion but Would Still Doubts

Legislative Press Gallery, March 15.

His honor came down late this afternoon and gave the royal assent to the bill extending the life of a parliament that may have been cold in death when he performed this act. If the argument is sound in regard to the life of the House having expired at midnight then all is in vain, for no power can resuscitate it.

When the House assembled Premier Bowser made the following statement on the bill:

"There seems to be an impression in the minds of some people that this bill is assented to because it was not assented to before midnight, and that therefore it is of no effect. I still hold the same view as I did, that it was not necessary to bring down a bill at all, but in order to remove any doubts, particularly among those of a contrary opinion, the bill was brought down yesterday."

"Even if the return from Chilliwack is to be taken as fixing the date I think the decision of the Supreme Court in Ray vs. Gifford, as well as a section of the Interpretation Act, we have until to-morrow in which the bill can become law, even if it was affected by that return."

"I thought it was only right that the leader of the government should make this statement so as to have my opinion, at any rate, placed before the people."

"Did the hon. premier hold that opinion while discussing the matter with us yesterday?" Mr. Williams asked.

"I certainly held that view when I was addressing the House," replied Mr. Bowser. "I do not say I did in the morning, because I was so rushed getting the bill ready and conducting negotiations with the opposition, but later in the day I had an opportunity of looking into the case I have cited and also the section of the Interpretation Act I have referred to. But outside of that, the writ for Chilliwack

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A compliment has been paid the manager of the Empress hotel, H. B. Jackson, by the C. P. R. management, in the offer to him, which has been accepted, to take charge of the C. P. R. Hotel at Lake Louise this summer.

Mr. Jackson will remain at Lake Louise from June to September. He will leave in May to prepare for the season, and on account of the difficulty of securing hotel help at this time, anticipates that organization for the season will be somewhat of a problem. The Lake Louise hotel is a popular house for visitors to the mountains, and undoubtedly will be filled again in the coming summer. Mr. Jackson plans to make an early visit of inspection to the district, in order to familiarize himself with local conditions.

It is now eight years since the Empress hotel was opened, and successfully as assistant manager, and manager Mr. Jackson has been a well-known figure among the clientele of Victoria's principal hostelry. During Mr. and Mrs. Jackson's absence this summer, Mr. Benaglia, assistant manager of the Hotel Vancouver, will be acting manager. Mr. Benaglia was in charge here during the holiday of Mr. and Mrs. Jackson in California last fall.

This announcement follows the arrival here of F. L. Hutchinson, of Montreal, on an inspection trip of the hotel system. Mr. Hutchinson offered the position to Mr. Jackson last fall, but he did not then accept the invitation, being reluctant to sever connections, if only for the season, with the establishment with which he has been so long associated.

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 Victoria, B. C., March 15, 1916.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO TO-DAY

Victoria Times, March 16, 1916.

The steamer Lorne, Capt. Christensen, came in from the Cape yesterday with 116 sealskins, which she had taken from the schooner W. P. Sayward. The schooners Royle Olsen and Minnie were spoken, the former with 30, and the latter with 55 skins.

Most of the merchant tailors have agreed to sign the new agreement with the Journeymen Tailors' Union for the prices to be paid for clothing. It is expected an amicable settlement will be reached.

Rev. Donald Fraser and Mrs. Fraser leave for the east to-night. Rev. J. M. McLeod, of Vancouver, will officiate during Mr. Fraser's absence.

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Officers' Class—The Business Men's officers' class will meet to-morrow at 4.30 p.m. at the Union Bank building.

Metochosin Women's Institute.—Through the kindness of Mrs. McTavish the Metochosin Women's Institute met at her home on Saturday, March 11, for the transaction of general business. After the discharge of the meeting discussed a sale of work for Easter Monday, and finally a committee was appointed to make all the necessary arrangements. An excellent paper on "Gardenia" was read by Mrs. Coley, and was followed by a general discussion. After the meeting had adjourned tea was served by the genial hostess.

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No Restriction in Jurisdiction of Superior Court to Review Valuation

Yesterday afternoon at a well-attended meeting of prominent citizens, convened by the Civic Retrenchment Association but not under its auspices, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of A. W. J. Bridgman, and ordered to be sent to the premier and R. H. Pooley, M. P. P.: "Resolved—that this association regards the right to appeal from the court of revision to an independent and disinterested tribunal with full powers of review as essential to protect the taxpayers from unfair and excessive assessments and strongly protests against any amendment of the Municipal Act limiting the powers of such court of appeal as an encroachment upon our privileges as citizens of a free country."

The matter arises out of the statement made in receiving a deputation last week from the executive of the Union of B. C. Municipalities seeking amendments to the Municipal Act, that revision of the power to appeal from the decision of the court of revision should be allowed.

Speakers at the meeting yesterday argued that a municipal court was necessarily favourably prejudiced on behalf of its own officials, and would under ordinary circumstances certainly desire to keep appeals limited, so that the revenue which its members as aldermen required for operating the city services should be forthcoming.

SHOT THROUGH HEAD.

Hugh "Klondike" McArthur Victim of Shooting Affray at Toronto.

Hugh McArthur, well known to many Victorians and especially those who have been associated with the Yukon as "Klondike" McArthur, was recently the victim of a shooting affray in Toronto.

Mr. McArthur was in a stationery store looking after the business during the temporary absence of the proprietor when Angus McKay, a former bank clerk, entered to make a purchase. The two men began an argument about the war, and McArthur told the man that, judging from his talk he must be a pro-German. As McArthur was standing with his back to McKay, the latter fired at him with a revolver, the bullet passing through the side of his head. According to McArthur's story he then went at McKay with his fists, and did not give him an opportunity to fire a second shot, as he took the revolver away from him.

The bullet struck McArthur behind the left ear, was flattened and deflected by the skull bone, traveled along the bone and came out about the middle of the cheek.

After the fight McKay was found by the police lying on the floor of the store, his face a mass of bruises. McKay, in his statement to the police, declares he shot in self-defence.

THISTLE F. C. MEETING.

A meeting of the Thistle Football Club will be held to-morrow night at 8.30 o'clock in the rooms, above the Atlantic hotel, Broad street, to discuss the entrance of the club in the Jackson Cup series. All members of the team are requested to be present.

Roofs and Gutters Repaired. Watson & McGregor, Ltd., 647 Johnson St.

In New Quarters.—The municipal labor bureau has to-day taken over the old detective offices, Cormorant street.

Special School Board.—A special meeting of the city school board is in progress this afternoon for the purpose of appointing a principal of Burnside school in place of Mr. Hall, who has enlisted. A report is also being received from the building and grounds committee.

A Futile Complaint.—The civic sanitary committee met this morning to investigate a complaint against the city teams superintendent, but could do nothing because careful examination failed to disclose who used the name of a resident in lodging the complaint. The man named in the communication repudiated responsibility for the letter.

Concert To-morrow.—A St. Patrick's Day concert will be held in the First Unitarian church, corner Fernwood road and Flanagan street, on Friday evening at 8 o'clock. An interesting programme of music and readings has been arranged, and there will also be a short address appropriate to the occasion. Refreshments will be served during the evening. The public is invited.

Annual Spring Concert.—The annual spring concert of St. Paul's Presbyterian church was held in Semple's hall on Tuesday evening. The Ladies' Aid, under whose auspices the event took place, is to be congratulated upon its success. The attendance was good and the programme much enjoyed. Thanks are due to all the friends who so kindly assisted in providing an entertaining and profitable evening.

"The Hope of Democracy."—A lecture on "The Hope of Democracy" will be given by Rev. W. G. Letham, B. A., of the First Unitarian church in the board room of the Belmont building, Government street, on Sunday evening at 7.30. The lecture will deal with the present tendencies of democratic institutions, and also with the conditions under which democracy may become the ideal form of government. There will also be a special programme of music. Admission will be free.

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 A1857—"Macushla." By Hardy Williamson. "Mother Machree." By Hardy Williamson.
 A1308—"My Wild Irish Rose." Chauncey Olcott. "I Used to Believe in Fairies." Chauncey Olcott.
 A5769—"Irish Waltz. Geraldine Waltz."
 A1310—"When Irish Eyes Are Smiling." Chauncey Olcott. "I Love the Name of Mary." Chauncey Olcott.
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Sale of Home Cooking.—The Ladies of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church will hold a sale of home cooking and a St. Patrick's tea in the lecture room of the church to-morrow afternoon, from 3 to 6 o'clock.

Welsh Society.—The regular monthly meeting of the Cymrodorion Society will be held in the board room, Belmont block, this evening, 6 to 8 o'clock. John Griffith will deliver an address illustrated by views of North Wales. Visitors will be welcomed.

First Baptist Concert.—The concert to be given to-night by the Ladies Aid of the First Baptist church promises to be most interesting. A very enjoyable programme has been provided and a hearty invitation is extended to all. The concert will be held at the corner of Yates and Quadra streets. Refreshments will be served and the chairman for the evening will be H. C. Brewster, M. P. P.

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Court of Revision

NOTICE is hereby given that the
first sitting of the next annual Court
of Revision, appointed under the pro-
visions of the "Municipal Act" by the
Municipal Council of the Corporation
of the City of Victoria, British Co-
lumbia, in respect of the assessment
roll for the year 1916, of the municipa-
lity of the said City, will be held in
the Council Chamber, City Hall, in the
said city, on

Wednesday, the 26th day of April, 1916
at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, for the
purpose of hearing all complaints
against the assessment as made by
the Assessor, and of revising, equal-
izing, and correcting the said Assess-
ment Roll.

WELLINGTON J. DOWLER,
C. M. C.
City Clerk's Office,
Victoria, B. C., March 7, 1916.

NOTICE

In the Matter of the Estate of Her-
bert William Lees, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all
persons having any claims against the
deceased, who died on the 10th day of
August, 1915, at New Westminster, B. C.,
are required to send by post prepaid or
to deliver to the undersigned, Agent for
Messrs. Campbell & Singer, Solicitors for
Messrs. Lees, the Executrix of the said
Lees, full particulars in writing of their
claims and full particulars of their
accounts, duly verified, and the nature
of the securities, if any, held by them on
or before the date of the said deceased
distribute the assets of the said deceased
among the persons entitled thereto, hav-
ing regard only to the claims of which
they shall then have had notice.
Dated at Victoria, B. C., this 28th day
of February, 1916.
C. B. S. PHELAN,
204 and 206 Sayward Bldg., Victoria, B. C.

RED CROSS CONCERT

Several Irish Items in Programme at
Rex Theatre, Esquimalt
To-night.

Several Irish items, in honor of the
coming of St. Patrick's Day to-morrow,
will be given in the weekly concert to be
held to-night at the Rex theatre, Esqui-
malt, in aid of the Red Cross Society.
The programme is interesting, as may be
judged by the programme below. A. S.
Barton is to preside as chairman at the
proceedings, and at the close of the pro-
gramme those who hold lucky admission
tickets will receive their prizes.

The following is the programme:

Round and Catches—	
(a) Poor Kaiser Bill	.....
(b) Send Socks, More Socks	.....
(c) Bill's Life a Vaper	.....
(d) Ten Little Gernums	.....
Members of the Guild, including a num- ber of young ladies from the St. Mar- garit's School.	
Violin Tuet-Shepherd's Dream, Lavitky	.....
Miss Young, R.A.M., and Miss Norah	.....
Lewis	.....
Vocal Solo—The Green Hills of Ireland	.....
R. I. Macaulay	.....
Grecian Dance	.....
Miss Winnie Gilmor	.....
Vocal Solo—(a) Minuet Beethoven	
(b) Helene Joimston (quick change artist)	.....
Irish Song Mr. Gainer	
Vocal Duet—Matilda Who Told Lies	.....
Lehman	.....
Mrs. G. P. O'Leary and R. I. Macaulay	.....
Violin Solo—(a) Minuet Beethoven	
(b) L'Abelle Schubert	
Miss Young, R.A.M.	.....
Dance	.....
Miss Alma Bray	.....
Vocal Solo—Somewhere a Voice Is	.....
Galling	.....
Mr. Emerson, R.E.	.....
Vocal Solo—Killarney	.....
Mrs. G. P. O'Leary	.....
Musical Sketch—Cups and Saucers	.....
Miss G. Barton and Stewart Clarke
Accompanists, Mrs. Baird, Mrs. Birch
and Miss Bray

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man's self, "he much to meet with such
a one yet we can't have too many for the
sake of others."—De la Bruyere.

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

All personal items sent by mail for
publication must be signed with the name
and address of the sender.

T. B. Williams, of Duncan, is at the
Dominion.

E. G. Cavaleky, of Nanaimo, is at the
Dominion hotel.

J. A. Mann, of Michel, is a guest at
the Hotel Metropolis.

W. Hobkirk, of Winnipeg, is a guest
of the Dominion hotel.

Miss E. Church, Seattle, is stopping
at the James Bay hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Ritchie, of Port
Angelo, are in the city.

A. B. Appleyard, of Vancouver, is
staying at the Dominion.

Reeve Micholls, of Agassiz, is stay-
ing at the Dominion hotel.

James F. Dwyer, of Seattle, is stay-
ing at the Hotel Metropolis.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Faint, of Regina,
are at the James Bay hotel.

John J. Tulk, of Vancouver, is a
guest of the Dominion hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Kestlin, of Vancouver,
are at the James Bay hotel.

J. R. Darling is registered at the
James Bay hotel, from Nelson.

Mrs. Wilmet, of Shawanigan Lake, is
a guest at the James Bay hotel.

E. W. Garrett, from Pender Island, is
registered at the Strathcona hotel.

Reeve Bridgman, of North Vancou-
ver is a guest at the Empress hotel.

W. Middleton, of Vancouver, is a
new arrival at the Hotel Metropolis.

Geo. E. Tennant, of New Westmin-
ster, is staying at the Dominion hotel.

H. G. Lockhart is here from Natal,
and is staying at the Hotel Metropolis.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Hargreaves, of Cobble
Hill, are staying at the Hotel Metropo-
lis.

Thomas Pearson, of Vancouver, reg-
istered at the Dominion hotel yester-
day.

Alex. McLellan and Mrs. McLellan,
of Vancouver, are at the Dominion
hotel.

Mrs. E. Roberts, of Winnipeg, is
making a brief stay at the Empress
hotel.

J. Lanoie, from Chicago, is among
the recent arrivals at the Strathcona
hotel.

W. H. de Grant, of San Francisco,
registered at the Empress hotel yester-
day.

Mayor A. W. Gray, of New West-
minster, was a visitor to the city yester-
day.

Robert Craig, of Parksville, was
among yesterday's arrivals at the Do-
minion hotel.

C. Rattison and Mrs. Rattison, of
Vancouver, are stopping at the Do-
minion hotel.

E. A. Grafton is in the city from
Erimont, B. C., and is a guest at the
Strathcona hotel.

J. T. Taylor, from Gino Bay, regis-
tered for himself and Mrs. Taylor at
the Strathcona hotel.

R. E. Walker and Lady Emily
Walker, of Ragley, East Sooke, are
registered at the Dominion hotel.

Seattle registrations at the Empress
hotel yesterday include W. S. Doran,
C. S. Roberts and C. L. Betterton.

H. J. Barber, J. A. Evans, H. H.
Gervans and E. H. Vigor, of Chilliwack,
are guests of the Dominion hotel.

WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Furnished by the Vic-
toria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, March 16—5 a. m.—The bar-
ometer is low over Northern B. C., and
cloudy, mild weather with rain is becom-
ing general in this province and the
State of Washington. Zero temperatures
extend from Northern Alberta eastward
to the Great Lakes, and heavy frosts are
reported in the Southern states.

Forecasts.

For 24 hours ending 5 p. m. Friday,
Victoria and vicinity—Fresh to strong
southerly winds, unsettled and mild, with
rain.

Lower Mainland—Easterly and southerly
winds, unsettled and mild, with rain.

Reports.

Victoria—Barometer, 29.56; temperature,
maximum yesterday, 49; minimum, 42;
wind, 8 miles S. W.; rain, .01; weather,
cloudy.

Vancouver—Barometer, 29.94; tempera-
ture, maximum yesterday, 44; minimum,
42; wind, 14 miles S. E.; rain, .24; weather,
rainy.

Entrance—Barometer, 29.98; tempera-
ture, maximum yesterday, 48; minimum,
40; wind, 12 miles E.; rain, .02; weather,
cloudy.

Kamloops—Barometer, 29.82; tempera-
ture, maximum yesterday, 50; minimum,
36; wind, 4 miles E.; weather, clear.

Barkerville—Barometer, 29.73; tempera-
ture, maximum yesterday, 38; minimum,
22; wind, 4 miles S. W.; weather, clear.

Prince Rupert—Barometer, 29.61; tempera-
ture, maximum yesterday, 41; minimum,
31; wind, 15 miles S. E.; rain, .32;
weather, cloudy.

Tatoush—Barometer, 29.98; temperature,
maximum yesterday, 42; minimum, 42;
wind, 22 miles W.; rain, .26; weather,
rain.

Portland, Ore.—Barometer, 30.06; tempera-
ture, maximum yesterday, 62; minimum,
46; wind, 8 miles S. E.; rain, .02;
weather, rain.

Seattle—Barometer, 30.02; temperature,

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maximum yesterday, 50; minimum, 46;
wind, 16 miles S.; rain, .02; weather,
cloudy.

San Francisco—Barometer, 29.91; tem-
perature, maximum yesterday, 58; mini-
mum, 52; wind, 4 miles N.; weather,
cloudy.

Temperature.

Max. Min.

Cranbrook 50 30

Port 48 28

Nelson 48 28

Calgary 48 28

Edmonton 48 28

Qu'Appelle 48 28

Winnipeg 48 28

Ottawa 48 28

Montreal 48 28

St. John 48 28

Halifax 48 28

Victoria Daily Weather

Observations taken 3 a. m., noon and 5
p. m., Wednesday:

Highest 49

Lowest 38

Average 42

Minimum on grass 38

Rain, .06 in.

Bright sunshine, 1 hour 26 minutes.

General state of weather, fair.

OPERATIC PROGRAMME.

French, Italian and English Compos-
ers Represented in Programme to
Be Given To-night by Ladies'
Musical Club.

Under the convenship of Mrs. R.
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gramme has been prepared for the con-
cert to be given to-night by the
Ladies' Musical Club at the Empress
Hotel ballroom, Parts I, II and III will
consist entirely of music from Carmen
and Faust respectively, representing
the two French composers, Bizet and
Gounod. Part II represents three Ital-
ian and one English composer, Verdi,
Puccini, Donizetti and Sullivan.

Sailors and soldiers in uniform are
invited to attend the concert as the
guests of the club, and the public gen-
erally will be admitted on payment of
the usual admission fee.

The following is the programme:

Part I.

Excerpts from Carmen (Bizet).

Miss Hart, Mrs. MacKenzie, Mrs. Baird.

Mr. MacKenzie.

Tenor Aria—La Fleur

Chanson Boheme

Mrs. Baird.

Toreador's Song

Mr. Davis.

Part II.

Flute Solo

Mrs. Watson.

(a) Hear the Soft Note—Patience

Miss Hart, Mrs. MacKenzie, Mrs. Baird.

Mr. MacKenzie.

Tenor Aria—La Fleur

Chanson Boheme

Mrs. Baird.

Toreador's Song

Mr. Davis.

Part III.

Flute Solo

Mrs. Watson.

(a) Hear the Soft Note—Patience

Miss Hart, Mrs. MacKenzie, Mrs. Baird.

Mr. MacKenzie.

Tenor Aria—La Fleur

Chanson Boheme

Mrs. Baird.

Toreador's Song

Mr. Davis.

Part IV.

Flute Solo

Mrs. Watson.

(a) Hear the Soft Note—Patience

Miss Hart, Mrs. MacKenzie, Mrs. Baird.

Mr. MacKenzie.

Tenor Aria—La Fleur

Chanson Boheme

Mrs. Baird.

Toreador's Song

Mr. Davis.

Part V.

Flute Solo

Mrs. Watson.

(a) Hear the Soft Note—Patience

Miss Hart, Mrs. MacKenzie, Mrs. Baird.

Mr. MacKenzie.

Tenor Aria—La Fleur

Chanson Boheme

Mrs. Baird.

Toreador's Song

Mr. Davis.

Part VI.

Flute Solo

Mrs. Watson.

(a) Hear the Soft Note—Patience

Miss Hart, Mrs. MacKenzie, Mrs. Baird.

Mr. MacKenzie.

Tenor Aria—La Fleur

Chanson Boheme

Mrs. Baird.

Toreador's Song

Mr. Davis.

Part VII.

Flute Solo

Mrs. Watson.

(a) Hear the Soft Note—Patience

Miss Hart, Mrs. MacKenzie, Mrs. Baird.

Mr. MacKenzie.

Tenor Aria—La Fleur

Chanson Boheme

Mrs. Baird.

Toreador's Song

Mr. Davis.

Part VIII.

Flute Solo

Mrs. Watson.

(a) Hear the Soft Note—Patience

Miss Hart, Mrs. MacKenzie, Mrs. Baird.

Mr. MacKenzie.

Tenor Aria—La Fleur

Chanson Boheme

Mrs. Baird.

Toreador's Song

Mr. Davis.

AT THE THEATRES

ROYAL VICTORIA.

Commencing with a matinee this afternoon and continuing for the balance of this week, the powerful domestic drama of love and tragedy, featuring the fine emotional actress, Regina Badet, in a five-part feature entitled "No Greater Love," is the attraction. The scenes and the story are laid in Paris and on the beautiful coast line of the Riviera, Italy. As the dramatic personae are nearly all members of select society, with ample means to gratify every whim, it is to be expected that the picture will abound in fine settings, both interior and exterior. The interiors in every case are gems of good taste and delightful art, and reflect evidences of the nicest care in the production. The tense interest is created by following the actions and promptings of a beautiful mother on behalf of her only and beautiful daughter, and since she stops at nothing to achieve her ends it is only natural that the spectator becomes a witness of the scenes and incidents that thrill the mind. There is also shown the third chapter of the fine serial story, "The Goddess," in which some very exciting incidents take place, which should not be missed.

COLUMBIA THEATRE.

Very varied and entertaining is the new bill which holds the boards at the Columbia for the last half of the current week. Topping the new array of talent is the Conley Trio in a return engagement. This time these three versatile youths present a blackface act strongly reminiscent of merry minstrel days. Anyway they are just as much at home in burnt cork adornment as in grease paint. They offer a pleasing melange of songs, patter and pianologue, that is given with plenty of ginger. Still, it does not allow them to show individually the excellent character work displayed on their previous engagement. Adeline Carr and company contribute a neat and humorous character sketch to the bill. It is entitled "The Waif" and affords Miss Carr, who is a well known dramatic stock actress, a chance to show her talent in ingenue roles, to good advantage as the homeless girl waif. Incidentally, she made a great hit with the baseball fans present by her stirring description of a ball game, which she is just supposed to have witnessed. Miss Carr receives good support from her "company." Musical

Dodge, a tuneful and versatile youth, who seems to be able to play an extensive variety of instruments, fully lives up to his title billing. He contributes excellently rendered popular selections on the French horn, oboe, and a miniature piccolo, announced as the smallest musical instrument in captivity. Miss Marie Davenport, a cello soubrette, makes a decided hit with her piquantly rendered songs and dainty dances. She has pleasing personality and a good voice.

DOMINION THEATRE.

"The Old Homestead," the greatest rural drama ever written, in which the late Denman Thompson starred for over thirty years, has at last been adapted as a feature play by the Famous Players Film Company by special arrangement with Frank Thompson, son and heir of the author-actor. This great American classic will be seen as a Paramount picture at the Dominion.

Through the active co-operation of the younger Thompson, the producers have been able to preserve to a remarkable degree the atmosphere and spirit of the original play. This was accomplished by means of photographs of the first Josh Whitcomb and of the

costumes worn by the various members of the supporting cast. Of special importance in this connection was the obtaining of permission to use the old Thompson homestead in New Hampshire, which was the setting depicted in the original play, as the background of the film. Director James Kirkwood and his company went to the old New England village where they spent several weeks in photographing scenes in and about the Thompson farm and in the outlying country where there still exists to a remarkable degree the same interesting and delightful types that were found by Thompson when he wrote the play three decades ago. Even the interior of the Thompson home was used for some of the scenes which transpire in the house.

Another interesting link between the stage and the screen lies in the fact that old Grace church, which appeared in painted canvases as a backdrop in the original presentation of the play, serves as the actual background for the corresponding scenes in the film.

It was in 1875 that Denman Thompson, while suffering from an attack of rheumatism during an engagement at Martin's Variety Theatre in Pittsburgh, conceived the idea of a rural dramatic sketch which he then called "Joshua Whitcomb." The success of this sketch led him to expand it into a play which was presented for the first time at the Boston Theatre in 1886 under its present title, "The Old Homestead."

The marvelous popularity of this rustic drama, which has made an unparalleled appeal to all classes and ages ever since its first appearance, is easily explained by the fact that it paints real life in its truest and best aspects, and that it tells the simplest of stories concerning the simplest of people. It is human nature without its confusing and baffling veneer—the sort of characterizations that everybody comprehends because of its very naivete.

Frank Losee, one of the best known character actors on the American stage, will play the role of Josh Whitcomb, made unforgettable by Denman Thompson in "America's oldest living drama." Neighton Hale, Denman Morley, Louise Huff and others, well known to stage and screen appear in support of Mr. Losee.

A Message To Thin Weak Scrawny Folks

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Thin, nervous, undeveloped men and women everywhere are heard to say, "I can't understand why I do not get fat. I eat plenty of good, nourishing food." The reason is just this: You cannot get fat, no matter how much you eat, unless your digestive organs assimilate the fat-making elements of your food instead of passing them out through the bowels as waste.

What is needed is a means of gently urging the assimilative functions of the stomach and intestines to absorb the oils and fats and hand them over to the blood, where they may reach the starved, shrunken, run-down tissues and build them up. The digestive system is like a dry sponge—soggy and hungry for the fatty materials of which it is being deprived by the failure of the alimentary canal to take them from the food. A splendid way of working to overcome this ailment, waste of flesh building elements and to stop the leakage of fats is to try Sargol, the famous flesh building agent that has been so widely sold in America in recent years. Take a little Sargol tablet with every meal and see if your cheeks don't quickly fill out and rolls of firm, healthy flesh form over your body, covering each bony angle and projecting joint. D. E. Campbell and other good druggists have Sargol or can get it from their wholesaler, and will refund your money if you are not satisfied with the gain in weight it produces as stated on the guarantee in each large package. It is inexpensive, easy to take and highly efficient.

NOTE—Sargol is recommended only as a flesh builder, and while excellent results in cases of nervous indigestion, etc., have been reported, care should be taken about using it unless a gain of weight is desired.

PANTAGES THEATRE

ALL THIS WEEK

Musical Farce
THE DREAM PIRATES
With Viola Wilson and Sammy Wrenn.

MICHAEL EMMETT & CO.
Noted Eccentric English Comedian.

CHRIS. RICHARDS
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America's Fastest Dancers.
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Songs and Dances.

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WILL RE-ENLIST FOR SERVICE IN FRANCE

Pte. Briscoe Sustained Twenty Shrapnel Wounds When Fighting at Festubert

Pte. Ivor Briscoe, who went from Victoria with the 30th Battalion, and later was with the 1st Battalion in France, where he was wounded, returned yesterday afternoon to Victoria. Although discharged from service on account of his injuries, Pte. Briscoe still desires to go to the front again, and says he will make an effort to re-enlist here. It is his intention to apply for enlistment in the Pioneers, now being mobilized.

Pte. Briscoe was wounded at Festubert last May. He was hit by shrapnel in the head, arm and back, receiving in all twenty wounds. This followed the blowing up of the trench in which he was stationed. He was practically buried alive with others, including Pte. L. Cuff, formerly of the 30th, who now is in England recovering from wounds. Having got out of the trench, Pte. Briscoe was struck by the shrapnel.

Because of the intense fighting he was unable to receive assistance, and lay for some hours where he had fallen. The Germans were carrying on a terrific bombardment of the positions occupied by the 30th Battalion, and the stretcher bearers could not reach Pte. Briscoe, so he eventually determined to try and get out of the line of fire. He made his way on hands and knees for three miles to a relief station, and after his wounds had been dressed there he was sent to Boulogne and then to England. He soon recovered in the English hospital, and now is in good physical condition.

Pte. Briscoe is residing with James Gadsden, 1817 Quadra street.

PTE. M. M. SCOTT DEAD

Member of First Contingent Seriously Wounded April 24, and Died Same Day.

News has been received of the death of Pte. M. M. Scott, formerly of Victoria, who went away with the first contingent. Pte. Scott was well known here, having been a member of the crew of the Shearwater. He afterwards worked for some time at Jordan river and later kept a cigar store on Johnson street.

The news of his death was contained in a letter to his father, written by Pte. William Gallagher, also of the same battalion who wrote from Giessen, Germany, where he is held as a prisoner of war. He wrote as follows:

"Having received your address through my people, to whom you wrote regarding your son, I write these few lines in the hope that they may reach you in the best of health, as it leaves me at present. Your son was with me on the morning of the 24th of April, and I am sorry to say that he got wounded seriously, and died the same morning. I felt cut up myself about it, as we were great chums. We had been together since we enlisted, and I must say that he did his bit well. Just like a British soldier always does. I got captured on the same day, and have been here ever since. Hoping it won't be long, as it isn't very pleasant to be a prisoner of war. I guess it had to be such a war, of course. Our camps are fairly comfortable, and good sanitary conditions also. We are all looking forward to be home this summer."

SIGNS LIFE CONTRACT

"Eccentric English Comedian," Chris. Richards to Give Services Henceforth Exclusively to Pantages.

Pantages' great drawing card this week is Chris. Richards, "Eccentric English Comedian." Particular interest attaches to Mr. Richards' appearance here at the present time as the announcement has just been made that he has signed a life contract with Alexander Pantages, president and manager of the chain of vaudeville theatres of the name. The contract binds Mr. Richards to give his exclusive services in theatrical work as long as Mr. Pantages may require them either for vaudeville or motion pictures. The fact that motion pictures have been mentioned in the contract calls attention to a probable new departure on the part of the well-known vaudeville circuit management which has not hitherto gone in for this department of theatricals. It is evident that Mr. Pantages intends to run his own "movie" stars on his own films in his own theatres, and that Mr. Richards has been engaged thus early in the new arrangement testifies to the high place which he occupies in Mr. Pantages' esteem. And patrons of Pantages' theatre this week in Victoria will be quite willing to endorse the judgment after witnessing the unique cleverness of this eccentric acrobat and comedian.

To-morrow the second big Fashion Show will be held at Pantages after the matinee.

Happy is the man who hath never known what it is to taste of fame-to have it is a purgatory, to want it is a hell.—Lytton.



CHRIS RICHARDS

CAMP AT VERNON

Telegram From Ottawa Received Last Night Says Summer Camp Has Been Ordered.

A telegram was received from Ottawa last night containing the information that the department of militia had ordered a training camp to be established this summer at Vernon for British Columbia troops. The announcement was not unexpected, as it has been rumored for some time that a large number of troops would be trained there.

The information was not received here to-day with any degree of satisfaction by soldiers or civilians. In fact there is general dissatisfaction over the news. In the 88th Victoria Fusiliers seventy per cent. are men whose homes are in Victoria, many of them having families here. The 103rd has 700 men who are residents of Victoria and this vicinity; and the 143rd B. C. Bantams are about to be established in barracks provided for them at considerable cost by the city council. All the

battalions now here have as fine training grounds and as good quarters as can be obtained at Vernon.

There will be representations made to the militia department at once for the purpose of having this order changed in as far as the three battalions mentioned are concerned. The 11th Canadian Mounted Rifles, part here and part at Nanaimo, were at Vernon last summer.

DON'T EAT PEANUTS! CAUSE APPENDICITIS

Appendicitis has been directly traced to peanuts. Victoria people should know that simple buckthorn bark, glycerine, etc., as mixed in Adler-i-ka, often relieves or prevents appendicitis. This simple remedy acts on BOTH lower and upper bowel, removing such surprising foul matter that ONE SPOONFUL relieves almost ANY CASE—constipation, sour stomach, or gas. A short treatment helps chronic stomach trouble. The INSTANT, easy action of Adler-i-ka is astonishing. Hall & Co., druggists, 702 Yates street.

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Blinded persons knowing of no 3 addresses will confer a favor by communicating the same to us.

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Extract From
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March 23, 1907.

"A Most Valuable Food"

At a time when the preparation of artificial foodstuffs is receiving more attention than ever before, and when new forms of easily assimilable fat to take the place of cod liver oil are being frequently brought to the notice of the medical profession, it is desirable that some of the older forms of administering natural fats should not be lost sight of. Among natural fats, butter easily takes first place for nutritive value, and when combined with a suitable soluble carbohydrate, a most valuable food is produced.

The **BUTTER SCOTCH** which Messrs. Callard & Bowler (Duke's Road, Buxton Road, W. C.) have prepared for fifty years is such an article, which has the great advantage of being palatable, so valuable in fact, that children are more likely to need restraining from excess than any persuading to take it. This **BUTTER SCOTCH** is stated to contain 11.7 per cent. of fat and 79.3 per cent. of sugar, and the results of an analysis which we have made recently confirm these figures. Further chemical examination of the fat extracted showed it to be genuine butter fat. This confection can therefore be recommended not only as a harmless sweetmeat, but also as a very useful addition to the diet in suitable cases.

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TIMES SHIPPING CHART

DEEP SEA ARRIVALS

Steamer	Master	Tonnage	Agents	From	Due
Chicago Maru	K. Hori	2,800	G. P. R. R.	Hongkong	March 19
Kamakura Maru	Higo	2,800	G. P. R. R.	Hongkong	March 23
Shimizu Maru	Matsumoto	2,800	G. P. R. R.	Hongkong	March 23
Canada Maru	Suruga	2,800	G. P. R. R.	Hongkong	April 1
Bamba Maru	Nagase	2,800	G. P. R. R.	Hongkong	April 6
Makura	Phillips	4,921	C. P. R.	Sydney	April 6
Empress of Asia	W. Davidson	4,500	G. P. R. R.	Hongkong	April 24
Yokohama Maru	Shimizu	2,800	G. P. R. R.	Hongkong	April 24
Tacoma Maru	Hanada	2,800	G. P. R. R.	Hongkong	April 24
Manila Maru	Kobayashi	2,800	G. P. R. R.	Hongkong	April 24
Empress of Japan	W. Davidson	4,500	G. P. R. R.	Hongkong	April 24
Niagara	Holls	7,000	C. P. R.	Sydney	May 4
Empress of Russia	Robinson	8,324	C. P. R.	Hongkong	May 6
Sado Maru	Asakawa	2,800	G. P. R. R.	Hongkong	May 6
Manila Maru	Kobayashi	2,800	G. P. R. R.	Hongkong	May 10

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DEEP SEA DEPARTURES

Steamer	Master	Tonnage	Agents	For	Due
Shishinaka Maru	Tosawa	4,500	G. P. R. R.	Hongkong	March 17
Monteale	Halley	3,900	C. P. R.	Hongkong	March 21
Mexico Maru	Yamauchi	2,750	R. P. R.	Hongkong	March 24
Chicago Maru	K. Hori	2,800	G. P. R. R.	Hongkong	March 24
Canada Maru	Suruga	2,800	G. P. R. R.	Hongkong	March 24
Bamba Maru	Nagase	2,800	G. P. R. R.	Hongkong	April 1
Makura	Phillips	4,921	C. P. R.	Sydney	April 12
Empress of Asia	W. Davidson	4,500	G. P. R. R.	Hongkong	April 14
Yokohama Maru	Shimizu	2,800	G. P. R. R.	Hongkong	April 14
Niagara	Holls	7,000	C. P. R.	Sydney	April 20

COASTWISE SERVICES

For Vancouver
Steamer Princess Victoria leaves daily at 11:30 p. m. and steamer Princess Mary, daily at 11:45 p. m.

From Vancouver
Steamer Princess Adelaide arrives daily at 1 p. m. and steamer Princess Alice at 4:30 a. m.

For Seattle
Steamer Princess Adelaide leaves daily at 4:30 p. m.

From Seattle
Steamer Princess Victoria arrives daily at 1 p. m.

For Port Angeles
Steamer Sol Duc leaves daily except Sunday at 11:30 a. m.

From Port Angeles
Steamer Sol Duc arrives daily except Sunday at 9 a. m.

For San Francisco
Steamers President and Governor alternate every Friday at 5 p. m.

From San Francisco
Steamers President and Governor alternate every Monday at 1 p. m.

For Comox
Steamer Chatterer leaves every Tuesday.

From Comox
Steamer Chatterer arrives every Sunday.

For Prince Rupert
Steamers Prince Rupert and Prince John leave Tuesdays and Fridays at 10 a. m.

From Prince Rupert
Steamers Prince Rupert and Prince John arrive Mondays and Fridays at 6 a. m.

For Skagway
Steamer Princess Sophia March 21, April 4 and 14.

From Skagway
Steamer Princess Sophia arrives March 22, April 5 and 15.

For Holberg
Steamer Tees leaves on first and twentieth of each month.

From Holberg
Steamer Tees arrives on seventh and twenty-seventh of each month.

For Clayoquot
Steamer Tees leaves on tenth of each month.

From Clayoquot
Steamer Tees arrives on thirteenth of each month.

CANAL LIKELY TO BE REOPENED NEXT MONTH

Officials Believe Waterway Will Be Ready for Deep Draft Vessel on April 15

Washington, March 16.—Col. Harding, acting governor of the canal zone, telegraphed the war department yesterday as follows:

"Conditions in Gaillard cut justify predictions that canal will be available for ships of thirty-foot draft on April 15, subject to probable temporary delays thereafter to meet exigencies of dredging fleet in completing canal to full width and depth and in removing shoals that may possibly develop."

Until this report came, canal officials had refused since the closure to make any estimate of the probable date of re-opening. Col. Harding's telegram is taken to mean that short of another great movement of earth the canal will be practically in full operation again after April 15.

Earth movements in the canal began in September, but these were minor slides preceding the big movement. Early reports from the canal said it would be closed only a few weeks. Later, as the earth movements continued, it was announced that an estimate worthy of consideration could be made.

Re-opening of the canal is regarded as an engineering feat second only to the construction of the canal. Millions of tons of rock and earth have had to be torn out of the collapsed excavations. New dredges of a size and capacity never before employed have labored night and day for months. Steam shovels have driven their way into the obstructions wherever there was ground sufficiently firm to hold them.

In the meantime the construction work at the terminals and about the locks has proceeded without pause. When the canal is re-opened it will have advanced in equipment far beyond the point it had reached when the slides began. Facilities for quick handling of ships will be much better than they were at that time, and the great project closer to final completion in all details.

VENTURE GOES TO VANCOUVER TO-NIGHT

The Union Steamship Company's steamer Venture will sail at 11 o'clock to-night for Vancouver, connecting there with the steamer Chelohsin, which is to leave to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock for Rivers Inlet, Bella Coola and Ocean Falls. The Venture will take over the passengers and freight for the Chelohsin. The accident to the Camosun recently necessitated a slight change in the company's schedule and hereafter the Chelohsin will call at Victoria every week until the former steamer is again in commission.

The Venture will sail from Vancouver to-morrow at 9 a. m. for Prince Rupert, the Skeena and Naas and Granby.

LOADING LUMBER.

To work about 4,000,000 feet of lumber for Shanghai, the Japanese steamer Bankoku Maru is loading at mills on the Columbia river. After delivering her cargo and for the remainder of the year the vessel is to operate between Puget Sound and Vladivostok.

TALITHYBIUS SAILED OUT THIS AFTERNOON

Blue Funnel Liner Called Here on Way to Orient; Changes Among Officers

The Blue Funnel liner Talithybius, Captain Cullum, arrived from Seattle at 3:30 this morning and sailed for the Orient shortly after one o'clock. She took on 33 Chinese at this point. The liner is taking a big cargo to Oriental ports and when the steamer arrived today was drawing 39.8 feet forward and 31.9 feet aft.

A number of changes will occur among the officers of the liner when she reaches Hongkong, as several will join other vessels of the company and others will return to England. Mr. Donovan, the third officer, recently left the vessel at Seattle, and proceeded to England, being succeeded by Mr. Humphries, who was formerly on the Keesau. Mr. Redfern, second officer, and Mr. Maples, the purser, will both leave when she arrives in the Orient. In the engine-room also several changes will take place, the engagements of some of the engineers having expired. Chief Engineer H. Christie is to leave the liner and probably will be transferred to another of the company's steamers in the Orient. The third, fourth, fifth and seventh engineers are also making their last trips on the Talithybius, for the present at any rate. Mr. Christie will be succeeded by Mr. Morgan, who has visited Victoria on several occasions, as he was formerly on the Kegmun and Alax.

CHICAGO MARU WILL ARRIVE ON SUNDAY

Message Received From Osaka Shosen Kaisha Liner; Other Steamers En Route

R. P. Rithet & Co., agents of the Osaka Shosen Kaisha, to-day received advice that the liner Chicago Maru will arrive from the Orient about noon on Sunday. The Chicago Maru has 650 tons of freight for this port.

The Shimpo Maru, of the same line, is scheduled to arrive on March 23, and is bringing about 1,900 tons of freight for Victoria. This is the largest cargo consigned to Victoria by any Osaka Shosen Kaisha steamer since the Ide Maru was here some weeks ago.

The Nippon Yusen Kaisha liner Kamakura Maru, which is taking the place of the Ide Maru on the run to North Pacific ports, is also due on Thursday next.

JAPANESE STEAMER IS REPAIRED AT SEA

Halifax, N. S., March 16.—The Japanese steamer Sinuki Maru, which yesterday was reported disabled off Cape Race, has effected repairs and is now proceeding to New York.

The following message was received yesterday by C. H. Harvey, marine and fisheries agent here, from the wireless station at Cape Race, Nfld.: "Steamer Sinuki Maru reports March 15 disabled by storm. Latitude 42 north, longitude 45 west. Cannot steer. States no assistance required."

The Sinuki Maru is a Japanese steamer of 3,821 tons, and sailed from London on March 4 for New York.

NIAGARA FOR AUSTRALIA.

The Canadian-Australian liner Niagara, Capt. Rolfe, sailed for Australia at 9 o'clock last night. She carried 100 passengers, and 34 more will join the steamer at Honolulu. A slight delay in docking the vessel at the outer wharf is said to have been due to the fact that the steamer did not pass out a stern line when approaching the wharf. If a stern line had been passed along the ship's side and thrown to the dock from the bow as she entered the slip, it is stated no difficulty would have been experienced. The Talithybius which was drawing more water than the Niagara was docked at the same wharf this morning without any trouble.

BEFORE PRIZE COURT.

Halifax, March 16.—The case of the steamship Sandford was up before Mr. Justice Drysdale in the admiralty prize court yesterday. The steamer was brought into Halifax in November, 1914, and on examination of her cargo some rubber was found and held as contraband, the ship being allowed to re-load and proceed. The matter of the cargo held was then placed in the prize court. The steamer was at that time bound from New York to Copenhagen. No witnesses were examined, but copies of evidence taken in England and affidavits from the United States and other places were submitted to the court.

ESTEVAN FOR THE GULF.

The Dominion lighthouse tender Estevan will leave to-day for the Gulf where she will continue buoy and beacon duty. After returning from the north, where she searched for the fishing steamer Onward Ho, the Estevan was placed on the ways for an overhauling, and this work was completed a few days ago.

He who has the truth at his heart need never fear the want of persuasion on his tongue.—Ruskin.

SAILORS HARD TO SECURE ON SOUND

Seattle Shipping Interests Fear Many Vessels Operated Offshore May Be Tied Up

That the shortage of certificated seamen is becoming so acute that in another month it may tie up all American sailing vessels operating offshore out of Puget Sound is indicated by the extreme difficulty now experienced in getting crews in Seattle and Tacoma. Shipping circles fear a crisis in the situation by the middle of April, says the Seattle Times.

At the present time the number of available certificated seamen is so small that American sailing vessels are being delayed in departing from the Sound. Shipmasters are moving every stone to get certificated seamen. To add to their difficulties, a shortage has developed in the number of available mates.

With the approach of the fishing season in Alaska waters many of the deep sea sailormen have abandoned the transoceanic routes. Coastwise sailors refuse to ship deep sea.

The only experienced seamen now arriving on the Sound are found in the crews of the lumber schooners. Many of these have turned toward the fishing banks of the north. Others have left the sea to get employment ashore. Eight men left a ship in Tacoma a few days ago to go to work on land. A number of sailors have found jobs in sawmill plants.

American sailing vessels on the Pacific are manned almost altogether by alien sailors. As a body, the aliens show reluctance to take the federal examinations necessary to get the certificates required by the seaman's act. Several American sailing vessels have arrived recently on the Sound from foreign ports with "pickup" crews. The sailors in these cases know just enough to hold their jobs, and realize that they could not pass the examination for certificates.

The condition at present is so serious, viewed from any angle, that shipping interests are alarmed.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE

Aberdeen, March 15.—Arrived: Strs Avalon, San Jacinto and Grays Harbor, from San Francisco; schr Ariel, from Sydney. Sailed: Strs Tamapais, for San Francisco.

San Pedro, March 15.—Six steam schooners sailed in ballast for North-western ports to-day. The Yamato and William H. Murphy will load on Puget Sound, the Helene at Grays Harbor, the Prentiss at Eureka, and the Marshall at Alton. Lumber carriers arriving to-day were: Str Speedwell, from Coos Bay; str Brunick, from Port Bragg; str Saginaw, from Puget Sound, via San Diego; and str Doris, from Grays Harbor via Redondo Beach. Str Speedwell proceeded to San Diego. Str President, of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company's fleet, and the str Breakwater, of the North Pacific line, proceeded to San Diego to-day.

San Francisco, March 15.—Arrived: Bge Washitana, from Port Ludlow, in tow of tug Pioneer; strs Napp Smith and Adeline Smith, from Coos Bay; str Celilo, from the Columbia river; str Coaster, from Astoria; str Tatoma, from Hongkong. Sailed: Str Daisy, for Astoria; str G. C. Lindauer, for Aberdeen; Jap str Persia Maru, for Hongkong; str Congress, for Seattle; str Northern Pacific, for Astoria; str J. A. Chanslor, for Seattle; bge Simla, for Vancouver, B. C., in tow of tug Hercules.

Vancouver, B. C., March 15.—Sailed: Str Niagara, for Sydney, N. S. W., via Honolulu, at noon. Arrived: Str Governor, from Seattle, via Tacoma. Sailed: Str Smith, B. C., March 15.—Sailed: Str Latouche, for Seattle, via Bellingham.

Bellingham, March 15.—Arrived: Str Latouche, from Ladysmith, B. C. Eagle Harbor, March 15.—Sailed: Str Thomas L. Wand, for Seattle, in tow of tug Richard Holyoke.

Tacoma, March 15.—Sailed: Str Melville Dollar, for San Francisco, via Port Angeles, at noon. Arrived: Strs Seattle Maru and Admiral Dewey, from Seattle.

Portland, Ore., March 15.—Arrived: Strs Bear, F. A. Kilburn and Tempe. B. Dorr, from San Francisco. Sailed: Str Navigator, towing schr Monterey, for Monterey.

Astoria, Ore., March 15.—Arrived: Strs schr Daisy Putnam, from San Francisco. Sailed: Bge Tridonia, for the United Kingdom.

SHIPYARDS IN THE ORIENT ARE BUSY

Hongkong is Enjoying Boom on Large Scale; Japanese Firms Have Many Orders

Hongkong is at present enjoying a shipbuilding boom on an unprecedented scale. At the Taikoo yard every ship is full, the work on hand consisting of six new ships. Three are being built to the order of Alfred Holt, of the Blue Funnel line, for the Straits Steamship Company, with whom Messrs. Holt have recently amalgamated. Two of these vessels will be 280 feet in length and the other 230 feet. The Blue Funnel boats will follow the same style, with the exception of tonnage, as the huge vessels which ply to the North Pacific coast.

The Taikoo yards is so equipped that it is able to deal with vessels up to 10,000 tons, and in view of the conditions existing in Europe the company expects orders for more ships, and confidently anticipates orders for vessels of 10,000 tons.

In Japan: According to the Osaka Asahi, the shipyards in Japan have vessels aggregating 189,450 tons under construction for Japanese and foreign firms. Eight vessels, representing 53,000 tons, have been built since the beginning of the year or are nearing completion, while the majority of the remainder are expected to be completed next year.

MORE SCHOONERS TO CARRY LUMBER

Another Deal Has Been Completed at Frisco; Snow and Burgess Changes Hands

San Francisco, March 16.—Another deal in windjammers was consummated in this city yesterday when Balfour Guthrie & Co. took over the four schooners, Camano, Spokane, Okanagan and Gamble, from Pope & Talbot. The price of the deal is held private. Announcement by the new owners is that the schooners are to be used in the west coast lumber trade of the company.

Grace & Co. are to charter the Pacific mail steamer, Pennsylvania, for another voyage to the Orient, according to announcement made by the charterers. The Pennsylvania arrived at Kobe a few days ago on her first trip. On her second voyage the Pennsylvania will load a full cargo here.

The schooner Snow & Burgess, now in Australia, has been sold by A. P. Lorentzen to Andrew Mahony. She was first a ship, then a barque, and then changed to a five-masted schooner. The sugar accumulation at Hawaiian ports destined for San Francisco will be lessened somewhat by the steamer Columbia, which has been chartered by the Matson Navigation Company to bring a cargo to this port. The Columbia has just arrived at Honolulu from Toopola with a cargo of nitrate and will load at the island port as soon as she is discharged of her South American cargo.

WIRELESS REPORT

March 15, 8 a. m.
Point Grey—Overcast; N. W., light; bar, 29.93; temp, 44.
Cape Lazo—Cloudy; S. E.; bar, 29.91; temp, 45; sea moderate.
Pachena—Cloudy; N. W., light; bar, 29.90; temp, 40; sea moderate.
Estevan—Overcast; calm; bar, 29.82; temp, 35; sea smooth.
Alert Bay—Cloudy; calm; bar, 29.81; temp, 32; sea smooth.
Dead Tree Point—Snowing; S. E.; bar, 29.90; temp, 39; light swell.

Triangle—Cloudy; W., light; bar, 29.85; temp, 34; sea moderate. Spoke 9:25 p. m., S. S. Prince Rupert abeam of Ivory Island, northbound; S. S. Ravell, northbound, for Alaskan ports. Ikeda—Snowing; calm; bar, 29.12; temp, 32; sea smooth.
Prince Rupert—Cloudy; S. E., strong; 9:48; temp, 34; sea moderate. Out, 10 p. m., S. S. Spokane, northbound.

Noon.
Point Grey—Cloudy; N. W., light; bar, 30.02; temp, 45.
Cape Lazo—Cloudy; N. W., light; bar, 29.88; temp, 45.
Pachena—Overcast; N. W., light; bar, 29.88; temp, 45; sea smooth.
Estevan—Overcast; calm; bar, 29.90; temp, 40; sea smooth.
Alert Bay—Cloudy; N. W.; bar, 29.82; temp, 49. Out, S. S. Princess Sophia 11:30 a. m., northbound.

Triangle—Cloudy; W., light; bar, 30.02; temp, 39; sea smooth.
Dead Tree Point—Snowing; S. E.; bar, 29.79; temp, 40; light swell.
Ikeda—Overcast; S. E., light; bar, 29.54; temp, 40; sea smooth.
Prince Rupert—Cloudy; calm; bar, 29.80; temp, 31; sea smooth. Spoke S. S. Alaska abeam of Bigby Island 8:30 a. m., southbound, in S. S. Prince Rupert 8:30 a. m.

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Displaying slightly better all round ability, the St. Andrew's Presbyterian girls defeated the First Presbyterians 9 to 6 last night.

This match provided very keen competition, and while the winners had a slight advantage on the night's play, they had to be on their toes every second of the game.

Miss McIntyre played well for the Metropolitans in their game with Fairfield last night. This young lady notched 18 of the winners' total of 25 points.

The third fixture of the evening between the Reformed Episcopal and Belmont quinettes resulted in a 28 to 6 victory for the former. At no stage of the game was the result in doubt.

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P. W. L. Pts.
St. Andrew's 10 2 1 300
First Presbyterian 9 8 1 280
Metropolitans 10 7 3 200
Reformed Episcopal 9 6 3 167
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Belmont 10 1 9 100
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SPORTING NEWS

BANQUET TO MEMBERS OF 67TH SOCCER TEAM

Lieut.-Col. Lorne Ross Entertained His Victorious Soccer Team to Supper

A very enjoyable banquet was held last night in the Dominion hotel dining room, the occasion being a dinner to the members of the 67th Battalion, Western Scots, soccer team, given by their popular commanding officer, Lieut.-Col. Lorne Ross, in honor of their winning the highest soccer honors on the island, and being in line for the right to play for the provincial soccer championship this season.

The affair was attended by all the members of the victorious soccer team, League President A. Manson, League Delegates Day and McEwen, Alex. Peven, the donor of the trophy; Mr. Carmichael, a staunch supporter of the 67th Battalion, and members of the committee of the 67th Battalion soccer team.

Lieut.-Col. Lorne Ross, opened the banquet by proposing a toast to His Majesty the King, Alex. Peven, donor of the trophy, made a short speech, congratulating the battalion on their winning of the cup, and stating that the Football Association, were in favor of the 67th Battalion taking the trophy overseas with them.

Lieut.-Col. Ross, Major Harbottle, Capt. Nicholson, Capt. O'Neil, Lieut. McDiarmid, A. Manson, Mr. Mesher, R. Day and Mr. Goward each made short complimentary speeches, reviewing the creditable showing made by the 67th Battalion on the soccer field, and personally complimenting the commanding officer, Col. Lorne Ross, on the efficient manner in which he encouraged sports in his unit. To these remarks the colonel responded in a few well-chosen words. He said he believed in promoting sports, and that an athlete in good physical condition could work with a clear mind. He was the proudest man in the world, he said, to be at the head of such an efficient body of men, and he was confident that the team which had so distinguished themselves on the soccer field could duplicate their efficiency on the field of battle. He also heartily thanked Mr. Manson, president of the Victoria Football Association, and other league delegates for their encouragement of soccer during the present crisis. He brought the enjoyable evening to a close by calling on everyone to join in singing the national anthem. Mr. Goward then called upon all to give three cheers for Col. Ross.

The 67th Battalion orchestra, under the leadership of Band Major L. Turner, provided popular music during the evening, while Dr. G. Allen assisted with a piano solo and Cpl. Bob Christian rendered a song.

A theatre party was also promised the 67th Battalion soccer team by their commander, but owing to the fact that the banquet was not over until a late hour, Lieut.-Col. Ross will take the men to the theatre Saturday night.

Keen competition at 88th Battalion sports.

The usual weekly 88th Battalion inter-company sports were held yesterday afternoon at the Willows grounds, the sports being featured by a soccer match between the Staff and No. 2 Co., which resulted in a victory for the latter by the score of 4 goals to 1. The winners outplayed their opponents throughout, and led at the interval 2 goals to 0.

Gordon Leeming played a strong game for the Staff, as did Coles, while Pearson starred for the winners. Corp. Walter Lorimer officiated as referee.

No. 3 Co. carried off the honors in the cross-country race, the course being from the Willows camp to Mount Tolmie and return.

The teams were very evenly matched in the baseball match between No. 1 and No. 4 companies, the game resulting in a 5 to 4 victory for the latter. However, the No. 1 Co. team was entitled to their last bats, but No. 4 Co. was called to call in ranks and the result might have been reversed had the No. 1 Co. taken their last bicks. Pts. Elves, Martin, Munroe, Cox and Gougon starred for No. 4, while Ptes. Lord, Robertson and Corp. Sneddon were the pick of No. 1 Co.

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WESTERN SCOTS TO HOLD FIELD SPORTS MONDAY

A gigantic field meet will be put on at the Willows on Monday afternoon under the auspices of the 67th Battalion, Western Scots sports committee, commencing at 1.30 o'clock. The programme will include flat races from 100 yards to a 5-mile marathon, tug-of-war, hop, step and jump, jumping competitions, putting the shot, hurdle races, inter-company football competition and inter-company drills. All the events are inter-company competitions. Admission is free to the public, and it is anticipated that this event will surpass all previous battalion field meets.

EDDIE COULON OUTPOINTED.

St. Louis, March 16.—Harry Kahar, buff, of St. Louis, outpointed Eddie Coulon, of New Orleans, and won the referee's decision in an eight-round bout here last night. The men weighed in at 116 pounds.

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FOUGHT SOCCER GAME

Defeated 103rd Battalion at Beacon Hill Yesterday Afternoon; Score 2 to 1

Yesterday afternoon at Beacon Hill No. 21 Co., Canadian Army Service Corps soccer eleven, added another scalp to their already large collection by defeating the first 103rd Battalion team, 2 to 1.

This score indicates the nature of the play. The C. A. S. C. had a slight advantage, and well deserved their win. Play in the opening half was very even, being of a give-and-take variety the greater part of the time, but toward the close of the period the winners pressed hard but could not score, and the whistle blew for the interval without a goal having been registered.

After a short rest the team returned to the field, and it was then apparent that the Service Corps would win. They improved in their team work, and caused the opposition defence many anxious moments. About five minutes after the resumption of play Fillmore made an individual rush through the opposition and scored.

With the score 1 to 0 against them, the 103rd worked hard and had the better of the play, keeping the ball in their opponents' territory for several minutes, until finally a hard cross shot beat the C. A. S. C. goal-tender, and equalized the count.

The teams now settled down to a hard grind, in an effort to break the tie. Only a few minutes remained, when once more Fillmore broke away, and evading all opposition, scored the deciding goal.

Charlie Good officiated as referee.

HAROLD BAKER INJURED.

San Francisco, March 15.—A letter brought by the steamer Sonoma contains the following piece of news:

"Harold Baker, Snow's brother, who for a long time acted as referee at the Sydney Stadium, is coming home from the war badly hurt. He fell on board ship on the outward voyage and dislocated his spine. He is now returning on an hospital ship, still wrapped in plaster of paris."

OLD TIMERS DIDN'T

TRAIN LIKE MODERNS

Former Champs. Did More Glove Work Than Willard and Moran

Training stunts by Willard and Moran recall the preparations of other heavy-weight champions for important bouts. Fitzsimmons was negligent in his training for the scrap with Jeffries at Coney Island in June, 1899. Fitz exercised for this mill at Bath Beach. He regarded Jeffries as a soft mark and refused to over-exert himself.

The ancient Cornishman confined his work to wrestling with a pet lion and boxing bouts with Yank Knoby, a billy sparring partner. He did little or no road work and stayed up late at night, enjoying his friends at neighboring resorts. A week before the fight Fitz weighed 172 pounds. One day he drank four bottles of beer with his midday meal. Later that afternoon Fitz visited Fort Hamilton, where he had several drinks of hard liquor with an army officer he knew.

Fitzsimmons was in poor shape when he got into the ring with the boilermaker. A terrific blow in the mouth knocked old Robert down in the second round and the back of his head struck the floor with great force. Fitz was game and he stuck it out until the eleventh round, but lack of condition proved too great a handicap.

In the old days champion pugilists never thought of charging admission to their training quarters. They generally selected such out of the way places that only a few persons were able to see them in action. As a rule the fighters did more strenuous work with the gloves than at present. They employed partners who were expected to sing them. Jeffries was literally covered with blood which flowed from cuts on his face when he boxed with the clever Tommy Ryan while preparing for Fitzsimmons. Corbett and Sharkey at a Jersey resort. Ryan, a master boxer, made a practice of cutting Jeffries to ribbons each day, but the big Californian liked it and never complained. One day he knocked Ryan cold with a lucky hook and the latter, as soon as he regained his senses, complimented him.

Corbett had a rough and ready sparring partner in Jim Daly, who took pleasure in beating him up. Sharkey's most dangerous opponent at his training quarters was Joe Walcott, the negro waterweight, who finally wanted to meet the sailor in a real fight. Picking the knuckles was

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RIVERSIDES TO PLAY SERIES WITH YANKEES

Toronto, March 16.—Last night the indications were that the Riversides of this city, champions of the Ontario Hockey Association, will not go to Winnipeg for the Allan cup series. The club and the players agree to have a shot at the famous "national amateur" championship trophy, but the 68th Battalion of Winnipeg, the present holders, demand that the locals leave here to-night. Such an arrangement is quite impossible.

The Riversides contracted to play the Winnipeg Monarchs here to-night. The Torontonians are willing to leave for the West any time after that date. In the event of failure to arrive at an understanding with the cup holders the Riversides will accept an invitation from New York to play the winners of the St. Nicholas-Boston series.

WINNIPEG MONARCHS WHITEWASHED DETROIT

Detroit, March 15.—By the decisive score of 3 to 0, the Monarchs of Winnipeg humbled the hitherto invincible Detroit Arena seven here last night. The appearance of the Westerners was the signal for the largest turnout of spectators seen in this city for years. For the first time in the history of the game here the fans got a glimpse of what is real championship form.

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Ward One Liberals.—Liberals of this ward are reminded of the meeting to be held in the Arcade building, corner Broad and View street, to-morrow evening, at 8 o'clock.

V. I. A. A. Dance.—The Vancouver Island A. A. A. will hold an informal dance to-night in the club rooms, corner of Edward and Catharine streets, Victoria West. Dancing will commence at 8 p. m. and continue until 12 a. m.

Maccabees Dance.—The Women's Benefit Association, Ladies of the Maccabees, will hold a dance in the A. O. U. hall, Broad street, on Friday, March 17, commencing at 9 o'clock. The dance is to be in aid of the patriotic fund. Mr. Mann's orchestra will supply the music. Members are asked to bring refreshments.

Trades and Labor Council.—The Trades and Labor Council at its meeting last evening heard Vice-President J. E. Carter, of the Federation of Labor and secretary treasurer of District 18, United Mine Workers of America, who spoke of conditions in the Fernie coal field. A resolution was passed requesting the executive of the B. C. Federation of Labor to present to the government the desirability of legislation for a maximum interval between pay days of two weeks. When the Workmen's Compensation Bill is brought down in the House, the council will probably hold a special meeting to consider it.

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DIED

SIMS.—On the 15th inst., at the family residence, 125 Buddin street, William Walter Sims, aged 82 years, born in England. The deceased leaves a widow, eight daughters and a number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

The funeral will take place from the B. C. Funeral Chapel, 734 Broughton street, on Saturday, March 18, at 2.30 p. m. when service will be held. Interment in Ross Bay cemetery.

DEANS.—On the 2nd inst., Dora Edith Margie Deans, 12-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Deans, of 712 Caledonia avenue, former resident of John street, born Aberdeen, Scotland, and came here with her parents eight years ago.

The funeral will take place Monday, March 20, at 2 o'clock, from the Sands Funeral Chapel, interment in the family plot, Ross Bay cemetery.

STIRSAT.—On the 16th inst., at the Royal Jubilee Hospital, Agnes Stirsat, aged 22 years, born in Liverpool, England, a resident of 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915, 916, 917, 918, 919, 920, 921, 922, 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 928, 929, 930, 931, 932, 933, 934, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 940, 941, 942, 943, 944, 945, 946, 947, 948, 949, 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956, 957, 958, 959, 960, 961, 962, 963, 964, 965, 966, 967, 968, 969, 970, 971, 972, 973, 974, 975, 976, 977, 978, 979, 980, 981, 982, 983, 984, 985, 986, 987, 988, 989, 990, 991, 992, 993, 994, 995, 996, 997, 998, 999, 1000.

CARD OF THANKS.

The bereaved family of Mrs. John Emery take this opportunity of expressing most heartfelt gratitude to the many friends of their dear mother, who, by kindly visits and other tokens of love and sympathy, helped to brighten her long hours of pain and loneliness while an inmate of the hospital, also to those who by their kind expressions of sympathy, gifts of beautiful flowers and attendance at the service evinced their love and respect for the deceased and their condolence with her sorrowing children.

INDIAN LEADERS NEEDED MUCH CASH

Chief Cooper and Others Made Frequent Demands Upon Those Who Held Purse

MR. MATSON CONTINUED HIS EVIDENCE TO-DAY

Opposition Probes Into Necessity for Payment to Him Instead of Other Negotiators

Legislative Press Gallery, March 16.

The Songhees Reserve investigation went on before the Public Accounts committee again this morning, when J. S. H. Matson was again under examination. He went over some of the ground yesterday, and gave further additional testimony as to the expenditures he had made in connection with the negotiations for the removal of the Indians from the reserve.

In yesterday's report the mis-hearing of a figure in the statement read by Mr. Matson's counsel made it appear that there was a payment of \$1,000 to F. R. Pemberton out of the total sum received. This should have been \$6,000, and in any case the payment was made on a private and personal transaction. The payment of \$30,000 to the News-Advertiser, Vancouver, is explained by Mr. Matson as having been made as part payment on account of an order of \$175,000 which, that paper, owned by him, had obtained from the bank.

Mr. Matson, questioned by Mr. Macdonald, said he had received \$75,000 from the government and paid out \$22,500 to Chief Cooper, \$5,000 to the Colonist and \$5,000 refunded to the deputy minister of finance. These were the only three cheques in the matter, as mentioned yesterday. He had thus got in all from the treasury \$47,500, \$6,500 being an advance received in sums. About \$15,000 was spent, or more than that, for which he had no vouchers, to get the Indians to leave the reserve.

"Would it be \$20,000?"

"Over that as a matter of fact but I could not say how much."

"To whom were they made?"

"That would be difficult to say. They were not made by myself at all times. Money was paid at different times, but to whom I could not always say. I gave Mr. Helmcken some money."

"In addition to the \$30,000 he got?"

"He did not get the \$30,000 from me. How was the money paid?"

"In cash."

Mr. Matson was asked if there was any cheque and he produced one for \$250. All other payments were made by cash.

"Why in cash?"

"I did not think cheques were necessary. There were certain things to be done to get the Indians off and I paid the money."

"Was it to prevent tracing of payments?"

"No, but cheques were not acceptable."

Mr. Brewster: "Was this \$250 to Mr. Helmcken in connection with the reserve?"

"Yes."

Mr. Macdonald figured that as \$60,000 had been expended to persuade the Indians to move the need for another \$15,000 required explanation.

"There were many demands made on me from time to time for money," said Mr. Matson.

"To whom?"

"I gave it out as it was asked for to various persons."

"But to whom was it paid?"

"Well, to Mr. Helmcken, as a matter of fact. When he required to draw up the tribesmen and have a meeting he required a great deal of money."

"Do you say all this \$15,000 was paid in that way?"

"I cannot state positively. The greater portion was paid out and disbursed by the late Mr. Helmcken in connection with the tribesmen. I don't know how he disbursed it."

"And Cooper got in all some \$40,000?"

"Something over. I don't know what he got for his improvements."

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FOUNDER OF BECKLEY

FARM PASSES AWAY

W. Walter Sims, an Arrival on the Norman Morrison, Dies at Ripe Age

The death occurred last evening at the family residence, 1237 Rudin avenue, of William Walter Sims, an old-timer of this province, whose name is closely associated with the early history of the city.

The late Mr. Sims was a native of Dorsetshire, England, and came to this country in connection with the Hudson's Bay Co. on a five years' contract. He was one of eighty settlers who arrived on the Norman Morrison in March, 1850, on which vessel the Hon. J. S. Helmcken was the surgeon. Mr. Sims' wife came out in 1853. She has been an invalid for some time. The year prior to her arrival the Hudson's Bay Company fitted out the ship Recovery with Capt. Mitchell as the commander on an expedition to the Queen Charlotte Islands. Mr. Sims was a member of the crew. The result was unsatisfactory, and he returned to Victoria.

With two associates Mr. Sims leased the James Bay district from the Hudson's Bay Company for farming purposes, and it is from that circumstance that the district bears the name of the Beckley farm after a farm in Mr. Sims' home country. The land was on a lease for 50 years at a price of \$2 per bushel. In 1860 the Hudson's Bay Company started dividing the Beckley farm, and Mr. Sims began his long connection with the city waterworks department, with which he was connected for nearly forty years until his retirement a few years ago. Naturally his long residence in Victoria made him a very well known figure, and the news of his death to-day was received with regret by a large circle of friends.

The deceased gentleman leaves a widow and eight daughters; most of the latter being married with homes on the island. There are also a number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren. The funeral will take place from the B. C. Funeral Company at 2.30 on Saturday, Rev. A. J. Owen officiating.

MISCELLANEOUS SHOWER

Hospital for 103rd Battalion to Be Opened Next Tuesday Afternoon by Voluntary Aid Detachment.

Next Tuesday the new hospital for the 103rd Battalion, C. E. F., will be opened by the ladies of the Voluntary Aid Detachment at Stadacona Park with a "miscellaneous shower." Friends very kindly contributed liberally at the "linen shower" held for the same institution in the officers' mess of the 103rd Battalion last Monday afternoon, when sheets, pillow-cases, towels, etc., and two cheques were given in large quantities toward the furnishing of the new institution. A great deal of interest was shown by contributors at that time in the opening of the new hospital, and it is anticipated that citizens will be equally generous in giving miscellaneous gifts, a complete list of useful suggestions for which will be published to-morrow on Tuesday, when there will be opportunities for visitors to see something of the hospital as well.

The hospital, which will be capable when furnished of admitting a maximum of thirty patients, has been opened at the initial expense of the 103rd Battalion (Colonel Henniker, O. C.), the regimental fund having been used to carry out the necessary alterations to doors, floors, etc., and to install some of the more necessary articles of furniture. Rations and fuel are also being furnished by the battalion, which is also sending its complete hospital staff, a sergeant and orderly and four hospital orderlies. Within a few days time a medical officer for the battalion is to be appointed, and he will be at the hospital in complete charge of the patients.

The help being given by the Voluntary Aid Detachment, of which Mrs. Charles Wilson is the energetic commandant, is absolutely voluntary and without remuneration. Mrs. Simpson is the quartermaster of the detachment, and the two other officers who are associated with the work are Mrs. Kennedy, the lady superintendent who is already in residence at the hospital with the Messes Anton and Orwin, and Mrs. Daryl Hamilton, the trained nurse of the detachment.

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VILLA AND BANDITS ARE ON THE MOVE

Have Passed South of American Mormon Colony About Casas Grandes

El Paso, March 16.—Villa, since the pursuit by the American army started, apparently has passed beyond the American Mormon colony about Casas Grandes. Reliable dispatches to-day indicate that these 500 Americans are now safe. These dispatches gave credit also to the Carranza forces about Casas Grandes for putting up a front which stopped Villa from making his proposed raid upon the Americans.

To-day's information indicates that the shifty bandit leader, with his supply of horses, is again on the move. Information about the nature of his movements was closely guarded from becoming public.

Casas Grandes is about 49 miles due south of the point where the column of Brig. General Pershing entered Mexico yesterday.

Wire to Columbus.
San Antonio, March 16.—Major-General Pershing to-day arranged a direct government wire to Columbus, N. M. At the same time it was announced that Brig. General Pershing might make frequent trips between the field forces and Columbus. In this way the commander of the expeditionary forces can keep in close touch with the head of the southern department.

A Protest.
Douglas, Ariz., March 16.—Ives G. Leveier, consul here of the de facto government of Mexico, telegraphed a protest to-day to Washington against the censorship placed by the American military authorities on code messages of the consulate to officials in Mexico.

AUSTRIA IS NEAR THE END; CALLING UP CLASS OF 1918

London, March 16.—Austria is reported to have called the class of 1918 to the colors, according to a dispatch received from Rome to-day.

RIOT BY STRIKERS IN CHICAGO SUBURB

Chicago, March 16.—Rioting and the arrest of three strikers on a disorderly charge followed the resumption of operations to-day at the plant of the Corn Products Refining Company at Argo, a suburb. The employees of the plant went on a strike last Monday for an increase from 17 1/2 to 25 cents an hour. Strikers to-day gathered outside the buildings and threw stones. Superintendent F. L. Jeffries, in charge of the plant, addressed the strikers, offering to take them back but saying the demand for higher wages would not be granted. His offer was greeted with hisses.

WERE GERMAN WOMEN ON SHIP SUNK BY GERMANS

London, March 16.—The first wireless message received from the liner Tubantia after she had been torpedoed last night, according to a dispatch from Ymuiden, Holland, was signed "First Wireless Operator," and said: "Tubantia torpedoed and lost. Am now leaving ship with captain. Don't worry."

Among the passengers, Reuter's correspondent at Ymuiden says, were "some Americans and German women."

UNITED STATES ARMY CALLING FOR RECRUITS

Washington, March 16.—The campaign to enroll approximately 20,000 recruits for the regular army in the shortest time possible was in full swing to-day. By an order issued yesterday 170 auxiliary recruiting stations were re-opened after having been closed more than a year. Adjutant General McCain has assigned 299 additional enlisted men to the work of gathering recruits.

ALLAN CUP SERIES FINISHES THIS WEEK

Winnipeg, March 16.—The Allan cup hockey series for 1916 will be finished this week, when the 61st Battalion team, champions of Manitoba and holders of the cup, will meet Regina Victorias, champions of Saskatchewan, in a two-game series to-night and Saturday night. This was decided last night when Claude Robinson, western representative of the Allan cup trustees, received word from Mr. Hewitt, secretary of the O. H. A. and the U. A. H. A., that there was little probability of the Toronto River sides asking for a chance to lift the cup. Hewitt stated that if the O. H. A. champions decided to take the trip that they would be unable to leave before Friday or Saturday, which would prolong the final series too late. Robinson accordingly called off the series between Ontario and Saskatchewan, and instead put on the final series with the cup holders against the Regina Victorias.

LEAGUE MEETING.

New York, March 16.—Edward Barrow, president of the International League, announced last night that a special meeting of that organization would be held here on March 20. The chief business, he said, would be the adoption of the new playing schedule. The question of signing federal league players who jumped contracts and the new rule which limits any one player's salary to \$250 a month, also will be discussed.

ABRUPT HALT IN BATTLE OF VERDUN

Germans Have Failed Altogether to Develop Third Phase of Struggle

Paris, March 16.—The third battle in the campaign for Verdun which is generally thought to have begun on Tuesday, has failed altogether to develop. So far the Germans, whether from sheer exhaustion or for other reasons, have not attempted to follow their bombardment slackening.

Meanwhile the French reserves, which in the opinion of some critics are kept much too far in the rear out of the reach of the curtain of fire, came up and won back most of the lost ground, according to reports from this scene of the fighting.

The abrupt halt in the German offensive, after what, according to the official reports, were the small successes won by the German army, is regarded here as a highly significant symptom, it being considered in view of the heavy forces engaged in the attack on Tuesday, that the Germans had a greater objective than the capture of a few advanced trenches.

IS HOPED DR. BELAND WILL BE FREED SOON

Senator Dandurand Receives Word He is on List for Exchange

Ottawa, March 16.—Good news has been received here as to the likelihood of the return to freedom soon of Hon. H. S. Beland, member of parliament and former postmaster general, who has been held a prisoner by the Germans ever since they took Brussels over a year and a half ago. Senator Dandurand, who is chairman of the Canadian group in the Interparliamentary Union, has received from C. L. Lange, general secretary of the union, a letter written from Christiania, Norway, under date of Feb. 11, in which the latter says:

"I have the pleasure of informing you that Herr Joughin, director of the Reichstag's bureau and permanent secretary of the German Interparliamentary group, writes me in a letter dated Jan. 29 as follows: 'Dr. Beland is still at Stadthof. He has been interned because he is English. He has been permitted to choose between the internment camp at Ruhleben and that at Stadthof. He has preferred to remain at Stadthof. Negotiations have been made in many quarters for the release of Dr. Beland. His name is now on the list of prisoners who will be exchanged.'"

Mr. Lange adds that there is therefore no reason for abandoning hope of Dr. Beland's return to freedom before long.

MOSHI OCCUPIED BY GEN. SMUTS'S FORCES

London, March 16.—Further progress by the British expeditionary forces in the campaign against German East Africa was announced officially last night. The statement said that Lieut. Gen. Smuts, in command of the force, reported the occupation of Moshi and that the British were pushing on to occupy Arusha, which was believed to have been evacuated.

The text of the statement follows: "General Smuts reports that our troops occupied Moshi on the 15th, and are pushing on to occupy Arusha, which is believed to have been evacuated by the Germans."

"The enemy appears to be retreating rapidly southward. His movements are greatly assisted by the Tanganyika railway. Numerous rivers are in the area of operations, which have somewhat hindered our pursuit."

"Further evidence as to the severe defeat inflicted on the enemy at Kitovu is still being received. A search of the slopes of the hills, which are covered with brush, has brought to light a great number of dead. Three machine guns and one gun which the enemy abandoned in his retreat were found."

TWENTY-FOUR DIVORCE APPLICATIONS HEARD

Ottawa, March 16.—Twenty-four divorce cases have been heard by the Senate committee. With the single exception of the Gault case, which application was unanimously refused, all have been successful as far as the Senate is concerned. Several have yet to be heard, while a number of those dealt with by the Senate have not yet been disposed of by the Commons.

ILL FROM SHOCK.

New York, March 16.—One of the passengers, Mrs. Kriedenberg, whose address was not known, became ill from shock as the result of the attack without warning by a submarine on the French liner Patria off the coast of Algeria, and left the ship at Lisbon. She was bound for New York, but said she was afraid to continue on the voyage. The majority of the Americans aboard were naturalized citizens.

WINNIPEG BANK CLEARINGS.

Winnipeg, March 16.—The bank clearings here during the week ended to-day were \$24,578,412, as compared with \$29,727,183 during the corresponding week last year and \$29,832,801 during the corresponding week of 1914.

ITALIANS ATTACKING IN GREAT STRENGTH ALONG THE ISONZO

Berlin, March 16.—Desperate attacks on the Austrian lines along the Isonzo are being continued by the Italians in their offensive in that region, according to the Austrian official statement received here to-day from Vienna. On the Podgora heights the Italians were driven back from the Austrian positions only after bitter hand-to-hand fighting.

GELLHORN NOT EXECUTED.

London, March 16.—The report that Dr. Walter Gellhorn, a former Seattle physician, had been executed as a spy by the British, were flatly denied at the foreign office to-day.

TO-DAY'S TRADING ON THE WINNIPEG MARKET

Winnipeg, March 16.—Wheat closed 14 to 16, up, with May at 110 1/2 to 111, and October at 104. Oats were steady and up 1/2 to 1 1/2, at the close. It was a regular market. Wheat, in view of all the statistics, should have been going down, but it was steady all the time and closed higher. One factor in this was the increasing confidence of the public, who are recovering from the blow they got some weeks ago and beginning to speculate again. Crop reports are coming in, but they are mixed and their effect is only temporary. Export men were idle here, and reports from the seaboard indicated no business there.

The new crop was in the market to-day at 30c. This is a month later than last year and 20c. lower. May wheat, however, was nearly 50c. higher when October came into the market last year. In the cash market there was a better demand for all grades of wheat, especially No. 1 and No. 2 Northern. The demand and offers were well enough balanced to keep the spreads unchanged from yesterday. In oats there was a steady trade all day, with some big firm buying everything in sight, presumably for the export trade. Both in cash and futures the trade was of a better class than wheat.

Wheat—	Open.	Close
May	108 1/2	110 1/2
July	100	111 1/2
Oct.	100	109 1/2
Oats—		
May	42 1/2	43 1/2
July	42 1/2	43 1/2
Barley—		
May	60
Flax—		
May	200	206 1/2
July	200 1/2	210 1/2
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Splendid Speech by the New First Member for Vancouver: Forceful Arraignment of the Administration in Eloquent Terms: Bowser Should Resign at Once

Legislative Press Gallery,
March 15.

Whether or not the parliament of British Columbia be dead legally its work went on to-day just as if it were fully alive. The debate on the address, which was interrupted yesterday by the more important debate on the bill to extend the life of the thirteenth parliament, was continued and will occupy the next two days.

Now that there is a seething calm following the rejuvenation of the decrepit body, and the tense feeling which marked the House, and the dust of the second debate of yesterday has cleared away members are able to appreciate the fine speech which was contributed by the new first member for Vancouver, Mr. A. Macdonald, on Tuesday. As has already been remarked in these columns, Mr. Macdonald realized all that had been expected from him and showed that the House has gained a clear thinker and a powerful debater.

To-day two speeches were added to the discussion, those of the fifth member for Vancouver and the member for Yale. In Mr. Watson's case the cause of woman suffrage appears to have won a convert. It would hardly be fair to suggest that the approach of a general election has brought about the apparent change of heart, but it will be recalled that when the hon. gentleman had an opportunity to show his sympathy with this great reform, he was always found voting against it.

Mr. Lucan regarded the House with statistics to prove the great productivity of this province, and thought to clinch his case by giving appointees of the Laurier government as the authority. The only fault of his figures was that they were for the census period ending five years ago!

Mr. Macdonald's speech, on the address yesterday, Mr. Macdonald said:

"In rising to resume the debate on the address in reply to the speech transmitted from his honor, and now varied somewhat by the amendment offered by the leader of the opposition, my first thought is to crave the indulgence of my fellow-members if I should wander beyond the proper ambit of the discussion or trespass upon the rules of the House, with which I have yet but little acquaintance.

"May I acknowledge my indebtedness to the courtesy shown me by my fellow-members, and the good wishes and welcome extended me upon my introduction. I wish, too, to add my congratulations, even at this late stage in the address, to those of the speakers who have preceded me, and to the mover and seconder of the address on the creditable manner with which they disposed of that contention. I congratulate them, Mr. Speaker, not so much, I fear, on the matter as the urbane and dignified manner in which they tried circumstances.

"I have to congratulate them, especially the second member for Victoria (Mr. Thomson), who moved the address, on the nimbleness with which they evaded discussion on certain paragraphs in the address, particularly the one which referred to the intention of the government—or rather that section of the government which has seats in the House—for we have not a government in the true sense—to bring in legislation for the prohibition of the liquor traffic. My hon. friend for Newcastle observed that when the hon. gentleman reached this point, not by choice but rather by necessity, he took a long drink of water at that particular paragraph. I think that was possibly in the same manner as a patient who takes some water to assist in swallowing a particularly obnoxious pill.

"Although the second member for Victoria evaded the question the minister of lands showed a great deal more enthusiasm and approached the penitent bench, so to speak, declaring in favor of that reform with an enthusiasm that almost led him over the railing. He wanted to know what the attitude of the Liberal party was upon this question; he wanted to tell his prohibition friends that Codlin was the friend, not Short, so to speak; that they would have to look to the government party in order to have this measure submitted to the people. He wanted to know just when the right Liberal programme legislation of this character could be submitted to the people.

"I might say in reply to that, that strong as our position may be at the present time I am not aware that, acting upon our own initiative, we have power to introduce legislation. That remains with the government, but if a measure is introduced satisfactory to those agitating for it we will give it active and energetic support so that, in accordance with the Liberal principle that majorities have the right to decide, the matter may be submitted to the people for endorsement or otherwise.

Displaced Concern.
"Notwithstanding the somewhat trying moments of my first hour for Victoria in regard to this particular question he was able at times, in the course of his address, to be facetious and gave vent to considerable levity as to what his leader called an unholy alliance that they seem to think existed between the Liberal party and that to which the members for Newcastle and Nanaimo belong. He resorted to rhyme of more or less classical character to show what might happen to one or both as a result of this alleged alliance. In that connection he evinced a concern

in the fate of the Liberal party which at this particular time I think he might truly reserve for his own. I could not help feeling, when he illustrated his point about the secession and the tarantula, that while it had no application to the matter under discussion it might very well apply to that more recent meeting between the premier and his predecessor, now so happily familiar to the public. Whether or not there was a laugh of ghoulies on the face of the hon. member for Victoria it seems to my mind now that the premier, although he may have felt the victor at the time he emerged from the contest, was so exhausted, especially after the recent by-elections, that he may still wonder whether he was a victor after all.

May I pay tribute in passing to the excellent work which I think has been performed in this House and for the people by the member for Newcastle, assisted by the member for Nanaimo, in placing and focussing the searchlight of public criticism on this government, with results apparent to all, particularly in the recent tests of strength. Indeed, talking of the support the Liberal party has had at this time, its supporters have been numerous and they have all been actuated by the very best motives. They have included Conservatives who have not been tied to that machine which has been now being ground itself between the upper and the nether millstone. We have had Socialists, labor men, ministers of the gospel, and others who, moved by a compelling sense of public duty and no other motive, have joined in condemnation of a government which has long since forfeited the confidence of the people, if not their respect. If that fact has not been brought home sufficiently to the government by the by-elections then at the general elections which must soon follow all doubts will be removed.

On Common Ground.
"I am very glad, Mr. Speaker, to find common ground, not only with my fellow-members but with our fellow-Canadians everywhere in speaking of the determination of the people of Canada to pursue unflinchingly, to a victorious end the great conflict now proceeding. Immediate prosecution of the war and mustering of all the available resources of Canada, both men and material, is a matter which primarily belongs to the government at Ottawa. I am quite sure this government and every member of the House will seize every opportunity to make what contribution this province can as effectively as possible.

"It is a matter for pride that so many men have rallied to the flag. Already, unfortunately, many of them on the battlefields of Flanders and France, have paid to the empire, and a righteous cause the last measure of devotion. We should see to it that the memory of the gallant dead is preserved to the generations that follow after as the highest type of citizenship. We should see to it, not by words only but by action, that all who have passed through the fire, whether scathed or unscathed, should find opportunity on their return to whatever line they desire to follow, or if, unhappily, they are totally incapacitated, that they may rely on the care of a grateful country.

Epoch-Making Times.
"The cause of the war has been covered in speeches already delivered in this House, but no fault can be found if reference is made again and again to this matter. We live in epoch-making times. We see in Europe the contending forces of a same democracy and a mad autocracy looking in the grip of battle. There is not the slightest doubt of the outcome, in which freedom will triumph and British interests will be preserved. May we not hope, further, that out of the conflict, with all its devastation, involving the sacrifice of life and property to such an unprecedented extent, when the smoke of battle rolls away we will have the British Empire not only more firmly established than ever but as a result of the war have injected into civil life some of the high ideals reflected, not in phrase alone but in action, and the principles which the empire is fighting for with all its might.

Finding Employment.
"There is another aspect to this. The need of finding employment, not only for those who have returned partially broken, but for those to come, is a pressing problem which will demand immediate action. Homes have been found and soldiers' clubs established, where social wants are provided for, in the chief centres. There are other centres where assistance might be given to meet this need. There are, however, if my information is correct, a considerable number who, while discharged from further service, are in need of employment and unable to find it. There is a general feeling, whether well-founded or not I do not know—I hope it is that brave fellows, after spending months in the open, will naturally gravitate to the land.

"We have a department charged with the administration of the crown lands and the duty of finding land for settlers of every description, whether returned soldiers or the unfortunately large class of our own fellow citizens out of employment, or the still larger class whom we hope to attract when, under change conditions, we have land to offer them, rests on the shoulders of the government of the day. It seems to me that the government in the past has not met this obligation. That must

be admitted by all who are not wilfully blind.

"I have this suggestion to make. We have a large civil service, with a salary list that is increasing to an extent that is causing a great deal of criticism. We have, too, a situation where the needs of the empire are so acute that in order to make assurance of success doubly sure every available man physically fit and who is foot-loose will, I am sure, follow the patriotic impulses found in all loyal Canadians to don the king's uniform. I say patriotic impulse, because I know that to hundreds of Canadians it is a harder thing to stay at home than to go. It occurs to me that in the civil service list a readjustment could be made whereby many could follow that patriotic impulse and their places be given to men now out of employment and capable of doing the work. The government is always a large employer of labor, and we should see to it at once that employment is given and that provision is made for those who are returning from the front.

Lingering on the Stage.
"I listened carefully to the addresses of those who preceded me with the purpose of extracting from their addresses the gravamen of the attacks which they have levelled against the opposition and the Liberal party, in order to extract their reasons for suggesting that this government—I was going to say this shattered wreck of a once powerful party—should be left any longer to linger superfluous on the stage. It seems to me in face of their record that nothing in their career would become them quite as well as the closing of that record at the earliest possible moment.

There was applause at this point from the gallery, which the Speaker checked, pointing out that perfect order and silence must be maintained in the galleries. Mr. Macdonald proceeded:

"Leaving aside for the moment the remarks of the hon. minister of lands, who, by the way, is the only minister of the crown who has addressed the House up to this moment to offer explanations—and let me say in passing that it is due to this House that at the earliest opportunity the premier should make some official explanation in regard to the future course of action, having regard to the fact that the cabinet vacancies have not been filled—leaving that aside I want to call attention to what to me appears to be the gravamen of the attacks made from the other side.

"All of my hon. friends opposite, with rhetorical cadence which suggests much practise during the past few years, and particularly during the course of the by-elections, assert that we slandered them into defeat. All took up the strain like a funeral dirge—we had called the premier a political charlatan; wild charges were made on the hustings—through a long series of speeches, it occurred to me that they had no one at their head to point out just what particular statement or charges could be properly classed as wild, extravagant or even false. They preferred to indulge in generalities which were not even glittering.

"I would prefer to come to closer quarters and have them point out particular statements. With your permission, Mr. Speaker, I would like to supply the omission and review some of the charges made, and we may possibly find the reasons leading a discriminating public in overwhelming numbers to vote condemnation of the government.

Where Has Surplus Gone?

"We pointed out, for example, on the hustings that five years ago the government had a cash surplus of eight million dollars. We traced the operation since and found that not only had the surplus disappeared but that there had been an expenditure over revenue of eighteen million dollars. For the ordinary expenditure of the province the government found it necessary to borrow \$1,500,000 on treasury notes and then had to take authority to borrow ten million dollars more. That was a startling change in five short years. Where did the money go? Has there been such an increase in the population since 1911 or such an opening up of new territory of the province as would account for this? We quoted instance after instance of indefensible payments—such as that of a salary of \$15,000 a year to an American engineer to lay out a pleasure ground in Strathcona Park, not to mention the fact that in two years about a quarter of a million dollars were spent on the construction of roads and trails now being overgrown with verdure. There is an expenditure that my hon. friends can justify to the country—if they choose to. We pointed out that \$150,000 had been spent on commissions of one kind and another, and that large commissions had been paid in such a matter as the purchase of the Kitilano reserve in the city of Vancouver.

The Speaker refused to allow the hon. gentleman to go further on that line, as there were questions on the paper in regard to that.

Mr. Macdonald—"We are challenged in the House to make good these charges we made outside, and I am simply directing attention to some specific illustrations."

Mr. Speaker—"That will come before the public accounts committee."

Mr. Macdonald—"It is equally true that many other matters and much legislation is referred in advance to committees of the House, and if we are to be precluded from discussion of this matter it precludes us, it seems to me, from discussion of all other matters. I would like to point out in a general way that I would and could offer instances of indefensible expenditure in that short period, enumerating them one after the other until they would mount into the millions, so that hon. gentlemen who follow might say if they could where the statements made on the hustings were not correct."

The Speaker said these matters would all come before the public accounts committee.

Mr. Macdonald—"I might say further that we hold this government, strange to say, strictly responsible for its actions in this regard, and we are told that statements of this kind made on the hustings amount to abuse and vil-

fication. It seems to me—of course, it is a truism—that the people who contribute the money have a right to know how it is expended, and it further seems to me that I would be in order in discussing these matters on the floor of the House. I have said that I can give instances of indefensible expenditures. I was going to say we have time for an explanation to my hon. friend the member for Kamloops (Mr. Shaw), who apparently in connection with the Indian commission labored 365 days in the year, Sundays and Mondays, drawing from the public exchequer \$30 per day, and I suppose we might think heaven at the same time that the reformers of our calendar had not yet made the year longer."

The Speaker objected that this also was on the order paper.

Mr. Macdonald—"There is no motion referring the Indian commission to any committee. I submit that on the proper interpretation of the matter only the present year's public accounts are referred to the committee, and a further resolution is needed to have a further reference of accounts prior to last year. At all events, all these matters, in my judgment, accounted for the magnificent majorities which were rolled up at the by-elections for the Liberal candidates. There were other matters referred to on the hustings which I do not refer to now, Mr. Speaker, in view of your ruling. I would say generally that we challenge hon. gentlemen opposite to point to any particular definite statement made that was not borne out by the records.

"What are some other facts that are pertinent to consider at this time? We should consider the constitutional aspect of the situation, and I wish to deal with that for a few minutes, and I shall lay the ground for dealing with it by anticipating any ruling in this way. The address we are discussing indicates that legislation will be brought before the people, so that the question becomes important whether or not legally or constitutionally this government has any right to proceed with the legislation outlined. As I pointed out a moment ago, we have had no statement from the premier in regard to the intention of the government. We have had elections in three centres, two of them the largest industrial centres in the province, with nearly one-half the population and a membership in this House of ten. The members appealing for the suffrages of the people were in control of large and most important departments, one in control of the largest spending—public expenditures were not 50 per cent. efficient, and the other in charge of agriculture and finance.

"The king's government must be carried on, but it must be carried on according to law and with a full cabinet, and my submission is this, that after the resignations of the former ministers were placed in his honor's hands it was not proper that these should be filled without the endorsement of the constituencies. The proposal is, apparently, that these important departments shall be linked to and taken care of by other ministers. When it is clear that the new ministers must secure the endorsement of the electorate and have not secured it, it is an evasion of the law to hand their duties over to other men to perform. We are not without precedent in this regard. In the Gladstone administration of 1873 by-elections were held, and although Gladstone had a majority in the House he followed constitutional precedent and advised the dissolution of the House. Todd says that he did so because of the disgraced condition of his party in the House and the adverse result of so many casual by-elections.

"We have that situation here, where I submit that legally, constitutionally and morally, it is to advise the dissolution of the House. Let the government bring in whatever non-contentious legislation it has, agree to secure a moderate supply and dissolve.

Life of Parliament.
"Another matter I want to call attention to is the life of the present parliament. In 1913 there was legislation to amend the Constitution Act to extend the life of parliament to five years, and a section added to that fixed the life of the present parliament at four years from the date of the turning of the first writs of election and no longer. Now I simply call this fact to the attention of the government. I believe it is our duty to do so. We call the attention of the House to the fact that it is necessary that the government should give immediate attention to the proper construction of the act that I have just referred to. It is necessary that inquiries should be made at once in order to ascertain just when this parliament expires. The statement was made by the premier in an interview that the life of this parliament would extend to June 1. I take issue with that statement, but I am not going to discuss the matter further.

It will be noticed that there is a spirit of complacency and self-satisfaction shown with industrial conditions, and statistics were quoted. The best test of whether there is that prosperity existing would be found in the pockets of the people. It is idle to say that after ten years of government by the party in power there is such an industrial situation as to cause satisfaction to anyone.

"I would call attention to some figures quoted in the report of the agricultural commission to show that production has increased in order that the House may know whether it can rely on the figures quoted. The minister of lands quoted figures as to production in recent years. I do not know where they were ascertained but I remember the member for Newcastle saying that he was never asked to make any returns, and I know other cases where the same is true. The figures must be obtained in some surptitious way and not from the producers themselves.

"At page 360 of the report of the royal commission on agriculture it is stated that the imports of agricultural products in 1913 from outside Canada were \$1,131,177 and from other provinces \$1,132,360, or a total of \$2,263,537. But if you examine the table you will find there is no mention of wheat, flour, bran, shorts, oats, rolled oats, or any

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John Oliver Quotes Dominion Precedents to Back His Opinion on Matter

Discussing the constitutional question regarding the life of the present parliament, John Oliver yesterday said to a Times representative:

"The constitutional question as to the exact date upon which the life of the present legislature would expire by effluxion of time involves a very nice legal point. This question arises on account of the ambiguity of the language used by Attorney-General Bower in framing the Statutes of 1913, entitled 'An Act to Amend the Constitution Act'."

"The crux of the question depends upon the construction of the word 'returning,' and the words 'the first writs.' The word 'returning' appears to me to necessitate the performing of an action, which can only be performed by the returning officer appointed by virtue of the writ of election. I think it may be reasonably argued that the 'turning' mentioned in the statutes is completed when the returning officer certifies to the result of the election endorsed upon the back of the writ, as set forth at sec. 145 of chap. 72, Statutes of 1911."

"This view is strengthened by the language of sub-section 2 of sec. 148 of chap. 72, Statutes 1911, as follows: 'He shall forthwith transmit to the deputy provincial secretary the writ of election with his return thereupon.' This language clearly indicates that the returning officer is complete before he undertakes to transmit the boxes and papers relating to the election."

"A case somewhat similar to the present one arose in the House of Commons at Ottawa during the spring session of 1895. The debates show that the views of the members were divided along the lines of construction which would be most advantageous to the party to which they gave their allegiance. In that particular case all the writs were made returnable on the 25th day of April, 1891. It appears, however, that in case of several elections the returning officer had not held the election within the period or before the expiry of the period for returning the writs. There was not the same complication in that case as exists in the case of the British Columbia legislature at present."

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January, so that there would only be one session's indemnity accruing to the members for the two sittings, Grandstand Play.

"The premier's attitude on this question has been simply a grand stand play for the purpose of endeavoring to place the Liberals in a false light before the electorate. This is shown by the fact that previous to the conference between the premier and the Liberal members, the latter received information to the effect that an announcement of the premier's position had been forwarded to Vancouver for publication in the afternoon paper. This information has been verified by the fact that the Province newspaper, containing the statement of the premier's policy, purporting to have been made in the legislature, was printed and in actual circulation on the streets of Vancouver before Mr. Bower made his announcement on the floor of the legislature."

"The premier and his supporters are endeavoring to lead the electorate to believe that the Liberal opposition to the bill for extending the life of the legislature was the result of an arrangement between the Liberals and the liquor interests, to bring about the dissolution of the legislature before the prohibition bill could be enacted. I am authorized to state that there has not been a single word said in reference to this matter between the Liberal members of the legislature and liquor interests, and that the story is an absolute falsehood without a shadow of foundation in fact."

"The Liberals took the view that the life of this parliament either expired at midnight on the evening of March 13, or that it does not expire before March 30. The fact that the Liberals in the legislature voted a motion, which was voted down in committee by the government supporters, to extend the life of this legislature, providing it was not already dead, until April 15, so as to allow the passage of non-contentious legislation, should be an effective answer to stories of this kind. It is only fair to say that the situation in which the legislature now finds itself is one which has been created by the premier himself in not calling the legislature together for the dispatch of business until the last possible moment, and that this action of the premier was taken at a time when there were no Liberals in the legislature."

Another Phase.
"There is another phase of this question, however, which is as follows: If this House passes legislation, including the prohibition measure, the validity of all the acts of this legislature passed since the 13th of March may be called in question in the courts and declared non-effective. The words before quoted of Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper that 'No gentleman advocating the bill would like to see it dealt with irregularly and unconstitutionally so as to be in the end abortive,' apply peculiarly to the present situation. There is only one method, so far as I know, in which this question could be satisfactorily settled at the present time, and that is by a reference to the courts under the provisions of the 'Act for the Determination of Constitutional Questions.' It seems to me to be a foolish proposition for this House to continue in session passing important legislation when its right to do so is in question, especially when the question could be definitely settled in a few days by a reference to the court of appeal."

"I have been asked why the leader of the opposition did not explain his position in regard to his attitude upon the proposed legislation of the session when the bill for extending the life of the legislature was under discussion last night. It is one of the rules of the House that discussion must be pertinent and relevant to the bill under discussion. The speaker repeatedly interfered with the arguments advanced by the opposition, even when they were well within the rules of debate, and there was absolutely no opportunity given by the speaker for the members of the opposition to define their attitude relative to proposed legislation. During this session the speaker of the House has acted in a very arbitrary manner, repeatedly calling members of the opposition to order when they were clearly complying with the rules of debate. He has reversed his rulings on questions of order delivered on former occasions and generally has acted in a very arbitrary manner."

RECORD OF THE GOVERNMENT EXAMINED BY M. A. MACDONALD

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kind of grain. Let me refer you to another matter to show you how reliable these figures are. At page 359 the value of agricultural products are given for 1913 at \$38,124,819. In that total which purports to give agricultural production for that year you will find one item of \$19,900,880 for live stock. If you turn to page 354 you will find what purports to be a statement of livestock in the province at that time and the total is precisely the same as that given at page 359. Analysis shows this to be livestock of various ages, and even seventeen million dollars worth could not be the product of that year. I do not think it would be possible to give a more striking illustration of the utter worthlessness of statistics of this sort."

Land Situation.
"There has been a great deal said about the land situation and the minister claims that the criticism directed against his department is not justified. I claim that the administration of the crown lands has been so admittedly bad that it should scarcely be necessary to offer an argument to prove it. He says as a matter of fact that only two million acres have been alienated although the records show five million acres alienated. It has passed from the control of the crown and if the payments are not made there will be a reversion to the crown, but on a question from the leader of the opposition as to when reversion would take place it was plain that there is no intention to lift that blanket which is retarding settlement. Along the C. N. Pacific line we have a situation where the available land for settlement is with-

drawn. The minister says they have 2,300,000 acres surveyed for settlement, but whether it is accessible or not we are not told. Of what value is it to say we have this land when it is a fact that it has not railway or any other facilities to provide the settlers with ingress and egress. The situation is such that settlers going on that land could not do more than sustain life, and perhaps not even that."

"It is imperatively necessary that settlers should be introduced but the minister wishes to defer the time when the land will be reclaimed for the people. It is the duty of the government at once, on fair terms, to reclaim this area along the railway lines. But there is no prospect of amelioration of conditions as long as this government remains in power. I think the electorate will see at the first chance that a new government pledged to reclaim this land will be placed in power to carry out a land policy that will meet with the approval of the people. The minister argued that the government had no responsibility for the chaotic land conditions prevailing, but that suggestion cannot be entertained for a moment."

"Can he say he was not aware there was systematic violation of the land law, which says that no one shall be permitted to purchase more than one section of a square mile until he has got a certificate of improvement on the first, but through lax administration individuals and companies have been enabled to secure large areas by bogus powers of attorney. It is not open to the government to say that it was not aware of this condition when it was a matter of common knowledge. The minister tells us that it was not possible to know whether or not applications were bona fide. I can scarcely believe that the minister is sincere, because it must have come to his knowledge. His policy has led to the alienation of large tracts without development and to the imposing of enormous burdens upon the people in many directions. The same applies to the minister's denials of there being alienation of coal and timber lands."

"We are told that we should not charge the government with the over-capitalization of companies and the flotation of concerns such as the Canadian Collieries, the Canadian North Pacific Fisheries, and others of that nature. I will not go into these instances but I will say that the government is chargeable with a heavy responsibility in that connection, because unquestionably the creation of the province has been seriously impaired, if there is not a remedy. I say there is. They have had in Manitoba for some years a public utilities commission which has rendered great public service. The credit of this province has been greatly impaired by the dealings of ministers in cows and coal stocks, by company flotations, by the Dominion Trust debacle, by the tremendous railway obligations we have assumed, and I think it is most important that the investing public should be guarded in the future against any recurrence of this."

Proposed Grant to P. G. E.
In regard to the proposed grant in aid of the P. G. E., subject to what I said at the outset as to the constitutional right of the government to proceed with legislation of that sort, we take the ground that there should be the fullest possible investigation into the expenditure already made to that road before any further aid is granted."

The situation will call for an appeal to the people at an early date; perhaps at an earlier date than many hon. gentlemen are aware of. I believe that when that appeal is made to the people of this province they take the opportunity of expressing their condemnation of this government, and in the general interest of the whole people will see that a new government is introduced, a government that will give attention to the industrial development of the province, a government that will give attention to the development of the magnificent resources of the province which have been permitted to lie dormant for so long, and that as the result of that appeal we will have conditions under which it will not be necessary to quote figures and statistics to show that the industries of British Columbia are prosperous but this will be found in the increase of prosperity and earnings of the people throughout the province."

H. H. Watson Resumes Debate.
Resuming the debate to-day, H. H. Watson, fifth member for Vancouver, echoed all that had been said of the gallantry of Canada's sons in the present war. Both of them and all the British troops all the traditions for bravery enshrined in the national history were being upheld on the battle fields of Europe to-day. Thousands of names would remain green in memory for generations to come. He had also a word for the noble women who had gone as nurses, in praise of whom he thought too much could not be said."

Of the railway policy he claimed that it had been based on every step. There was no liability on the people except in the very unlikely contingency of the roads becoming bankrupt. The province had a first mortgage on the road, and since it gave its guarantee another endorser had come on the note in the shape of the Dominion. The hon. gentleman thought it unfair to talk about the C. N. Pacific being blocked by storms, and made the assertion that in its first winter the C. N. P. had not turned a wheel in the mountains."

Mr. Watson asked the minister of public works to build a horse trail into the Indian River copper camp, on Seymour Creek, east of the Britannia mines. This could be later converted into a wagon road.
Looked Like Massacre.
Discussing the recent by-elections, Mr. Watson said the result looked like an Armenian massacre by the Turks. The Conservative party had lost Victoria because it lost Vancouver. It would have won Victoria if it had won Vancouver. The dear old people, after all, was very sickly. The defeat was brought about due to the hard times and the war. The Conservatives had not been quick enough to meet changes made against them. In Vancouver

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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Sealed Tenders will be received by the City Engineer at his office, in the City Hall, until noon of Monday, March 27th, 1916, for sheet piling protection for Ross Bay Sea Wall.

Plans and specifications are on file at the Engineer's office.

The City reserve the right to reject any or all bids.

C. H. RUST,
City Engineer.

Victoria, B. C., March 15th, 1916.